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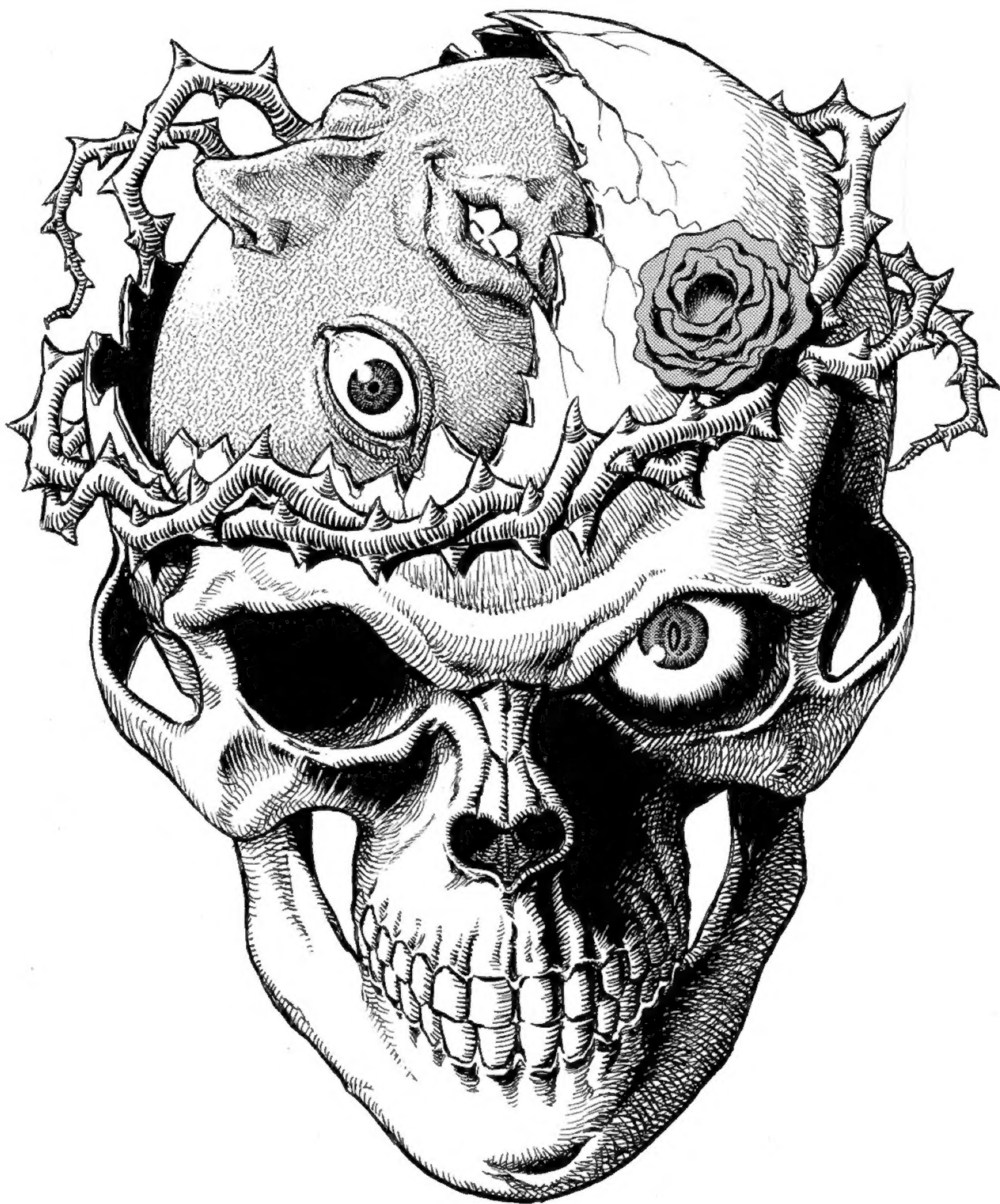
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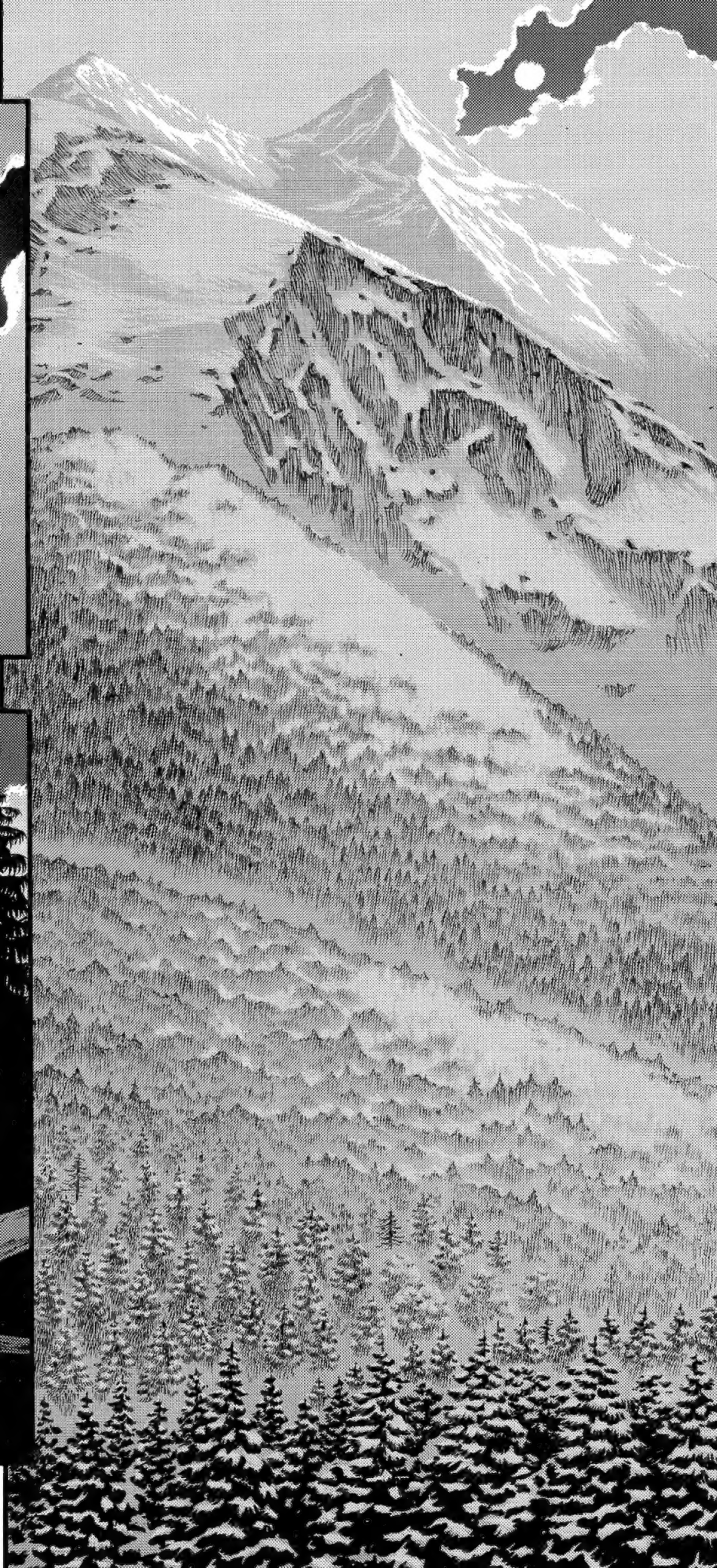
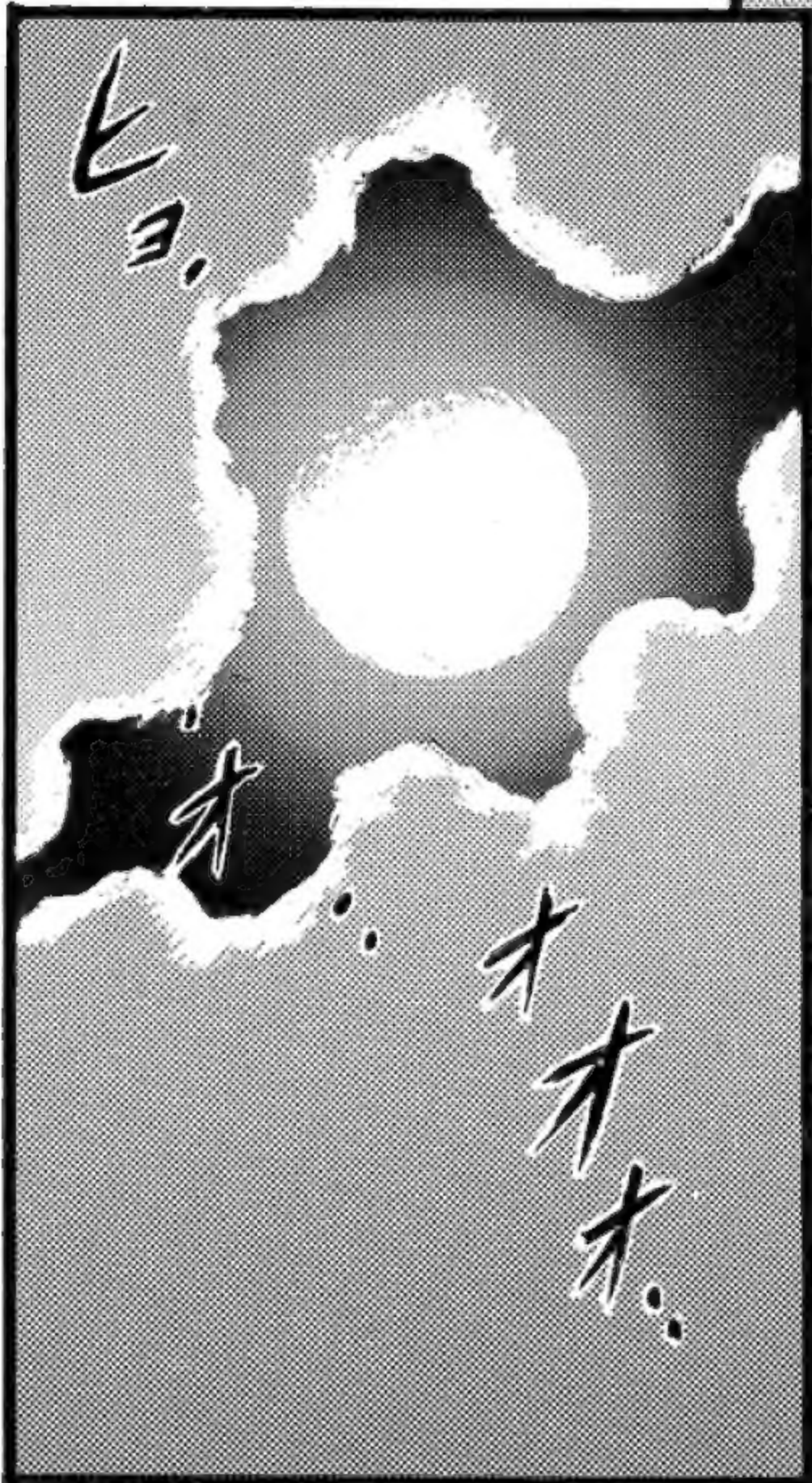
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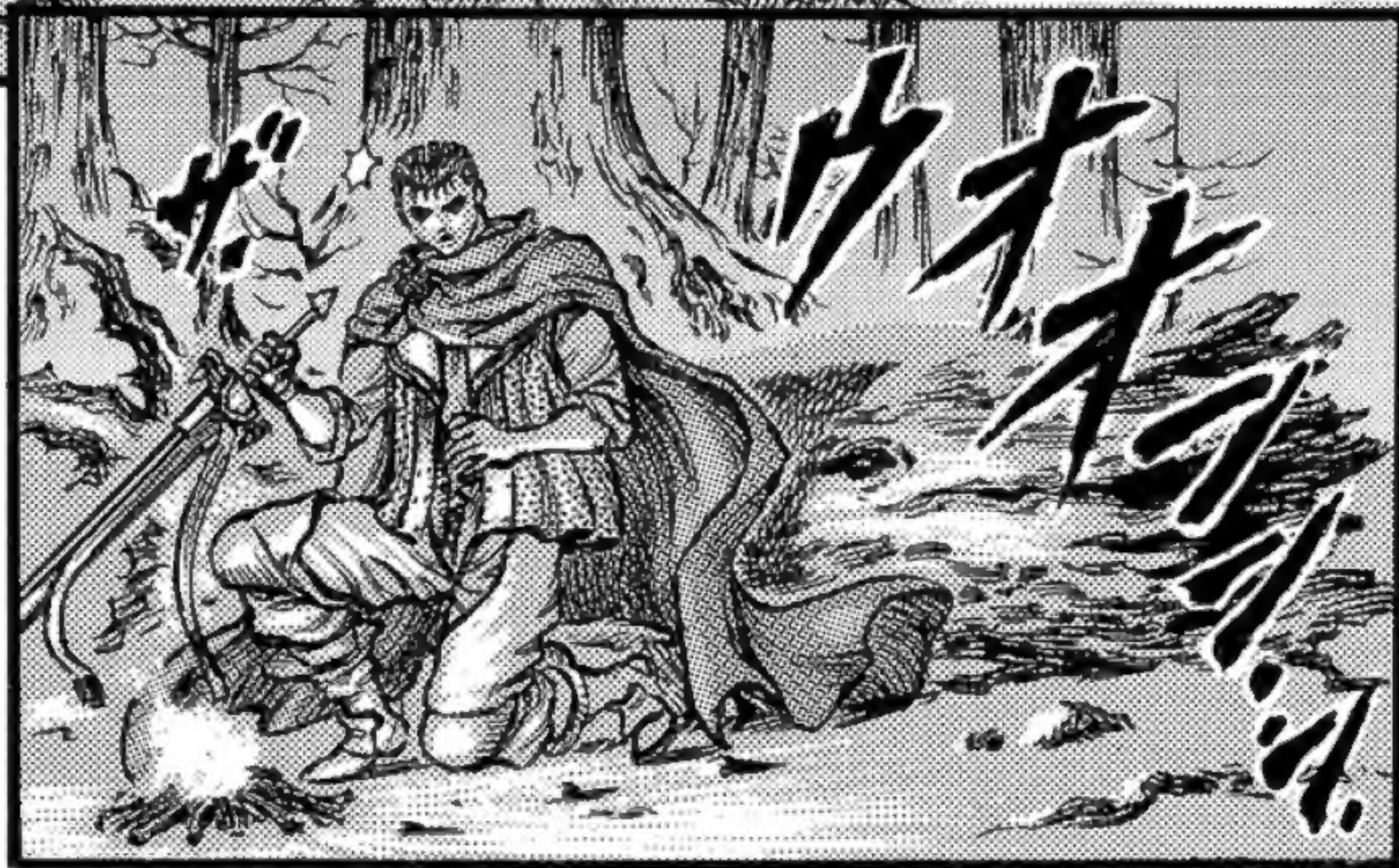
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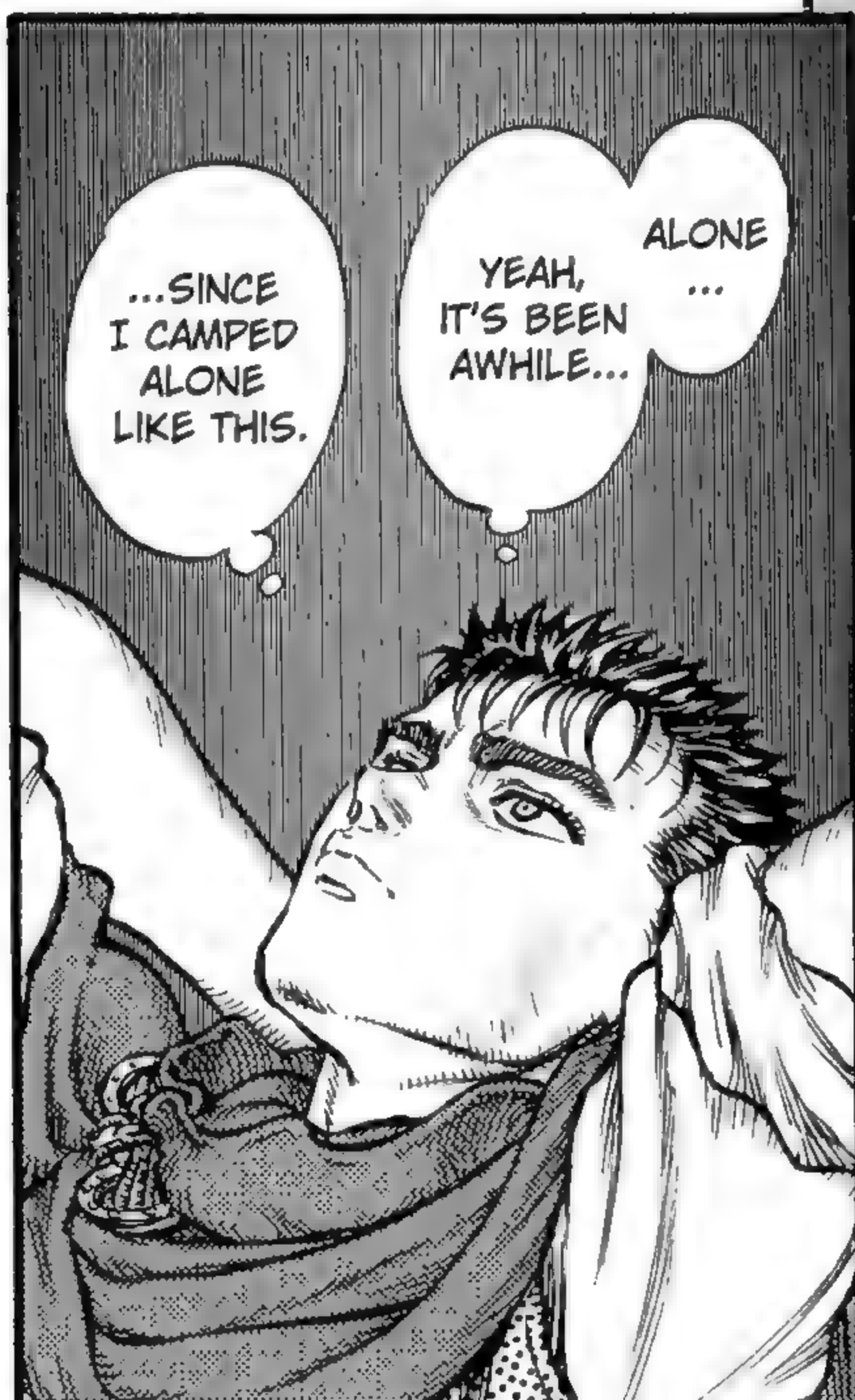
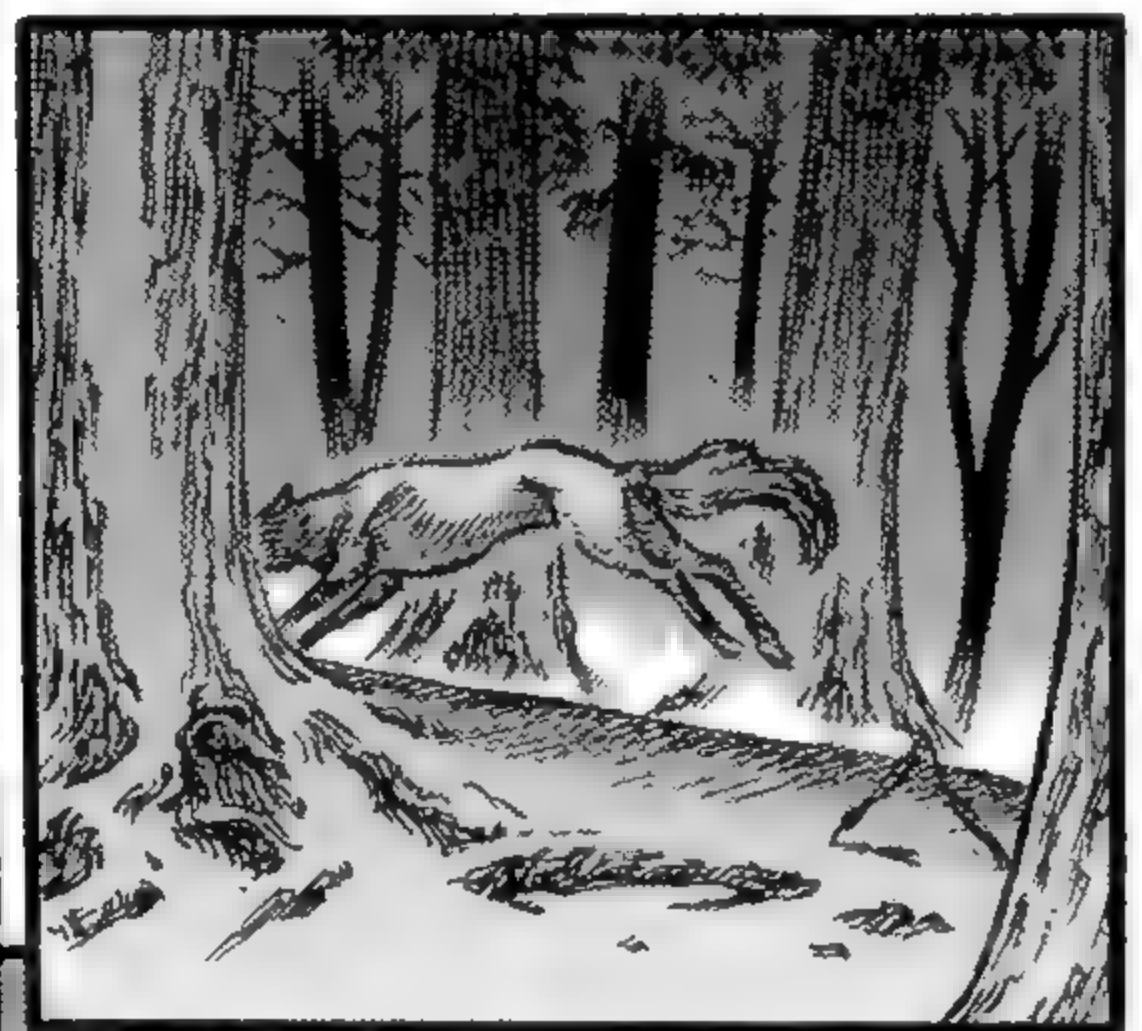


ALTELL

**KNIGHT OF
SKELETON**







I'D
FORGOTTEN...

...THAT THE
NIGHT WAS
THIS VAST,
THIS DEEP...



...I HAVEN'T
BEEN TRULY
ALONE ONCE
THESE
THREE
YEARS.

WHEN
I
THINK
ABOUT
IT...

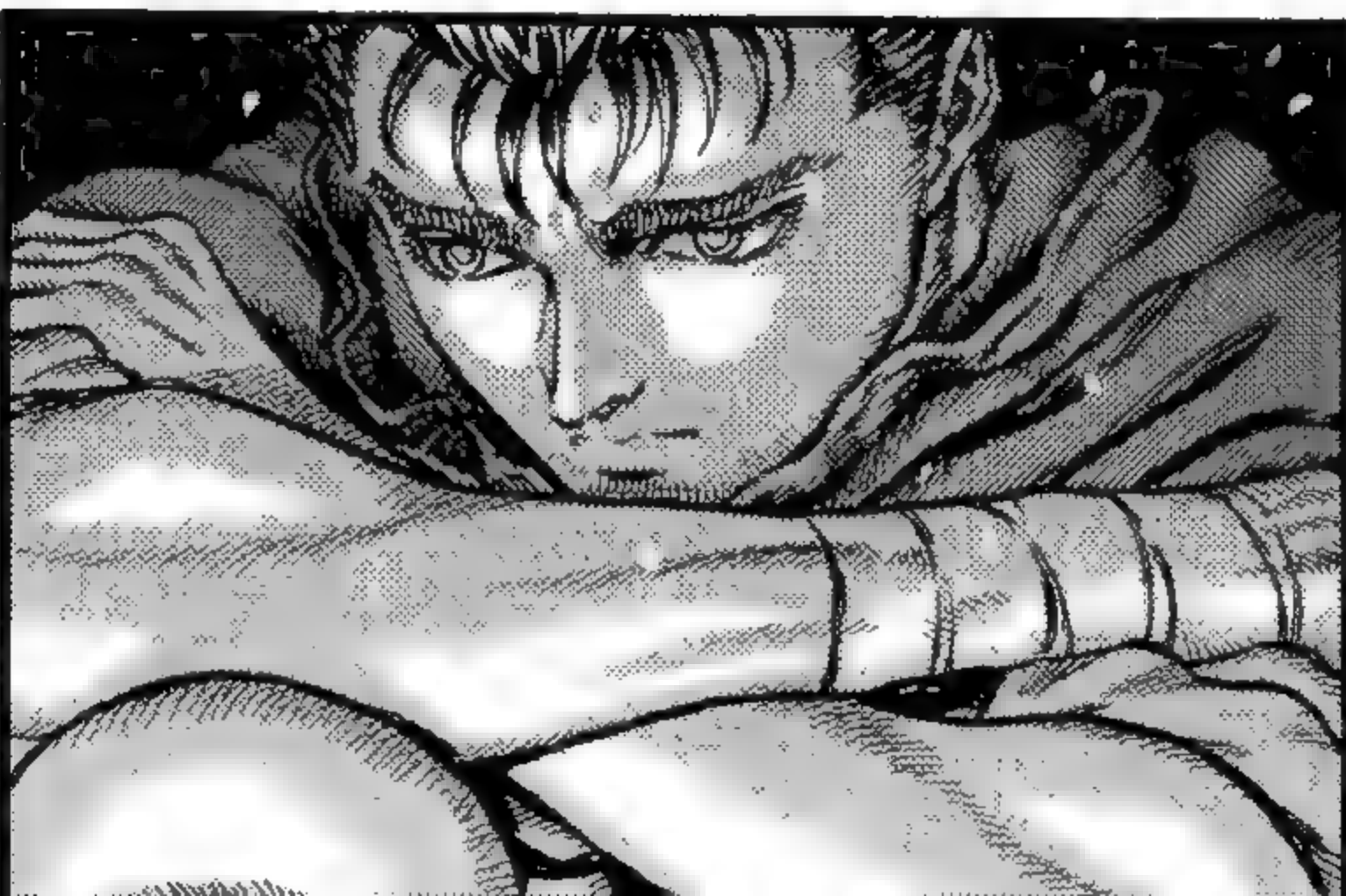
I'D
FOR-
GOTTEN.

THIS
SENSE
OF UNEASE
UNLESS MY
SWORD'S
RIGHT NEXT
TO ME...

I
NEVER
EVEN
THOUGHT
TO TRY.



OF
COURSE,
I COULD'VE
AVOIDED
NIGHTS LIKE
THIS BACK
THEN...



...AS
LONG
AS I
CAN
FEEL
WARM...

TO BE
HONEST
...

...TRYIN'
TO
THROW
AWAY
SOMETHING...

...MAYBE
I'M
ONCE
AGAIN...

...ISN'T
THAT
GOOD
ENOUGH?

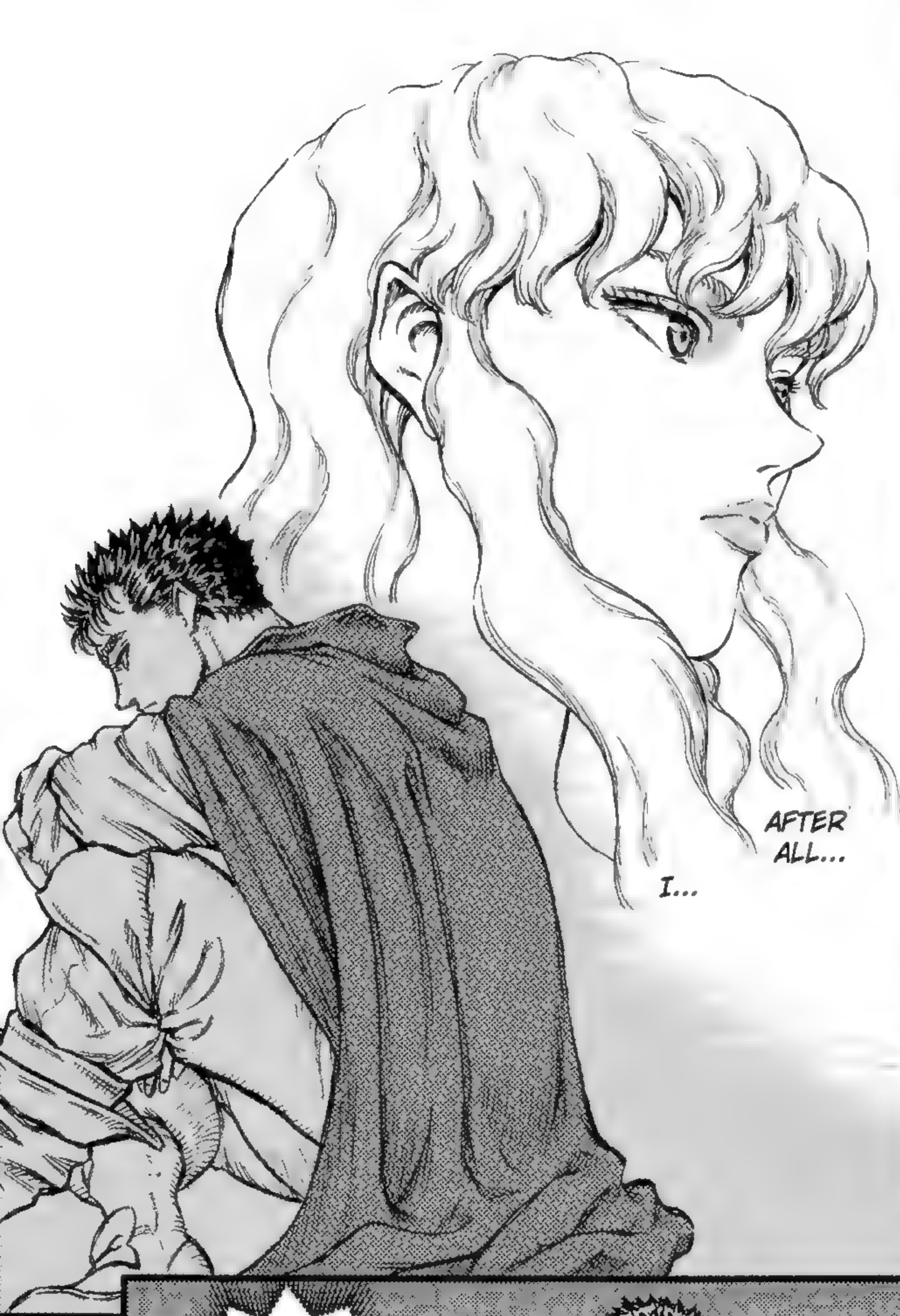
...OF AN
IRREPLACEABLE
TODAY FOR
SOME VAGUE
TOMORROW I
MIGHT NEVER
FIND...IF
IT EVEN
EXISTS...?

AM I
TRYING
TO LET
GO...

...IRREPLACE-
ABLE
THAT I'LL
NEVER
HAVE
AGAIN?

EVEN
WITHOUT
SOME BIG,
EXAGGER-
ATED
DREAM...

...PEOPLE
GO ON
LIVING.



I...

AFTER
ALL...

...IDEA IN MY
HEAD FROM
HEARING
GRIFFITH'S
WORDS. IF I
HADN'T...

IN THE
FIRST
PLACE,
I GOT
THIS...



SO...

...CAN I
SAY I'VE
SET OUT
BY MY OWN
WILL?



...NEVER
BECOME
GRIFFITH.

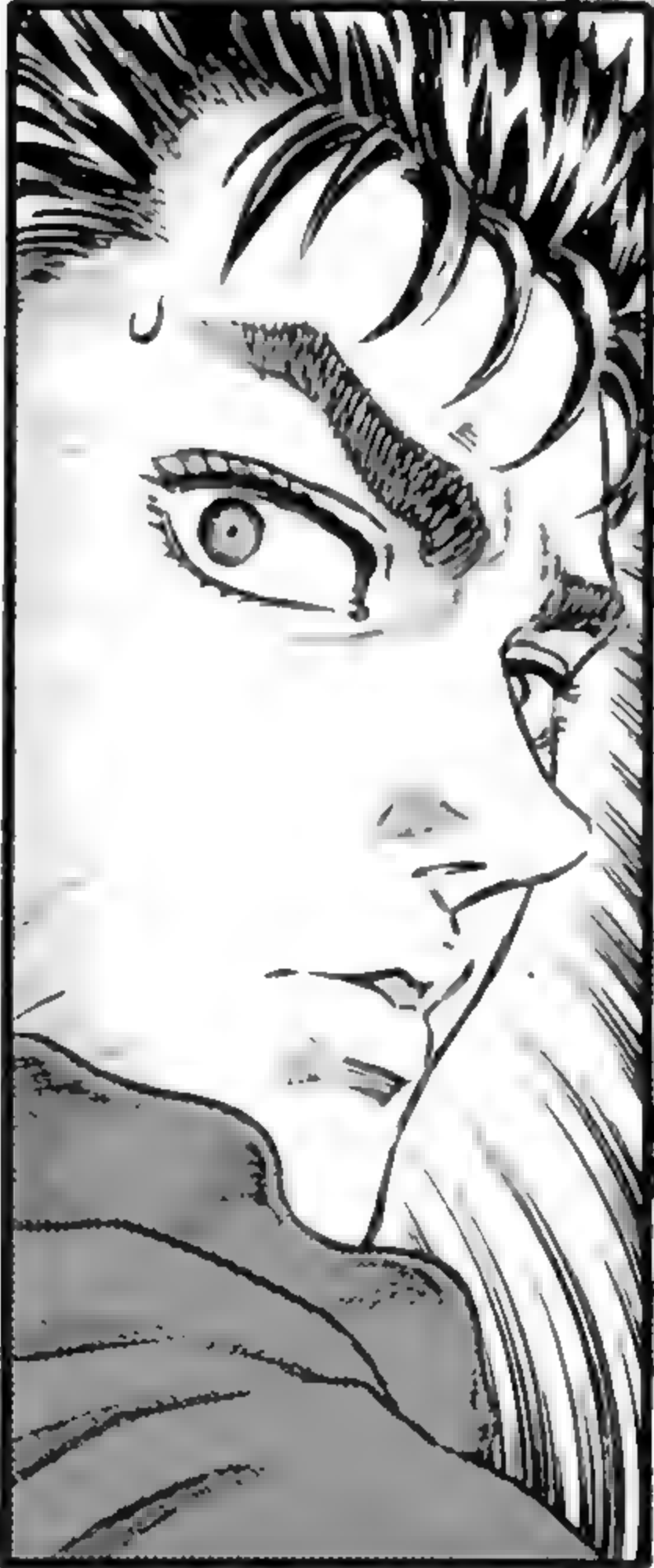
YOU
CAN...

IT'S
YESTERDAY.

THAT'S
NOT
TODAY
ANYMORE.



才才才才才才





COULD
IT
BE...?!



...THAT
BLOOD-
THIRSTI-
NESS?!

WHAT
WAS
THAT...



NO...

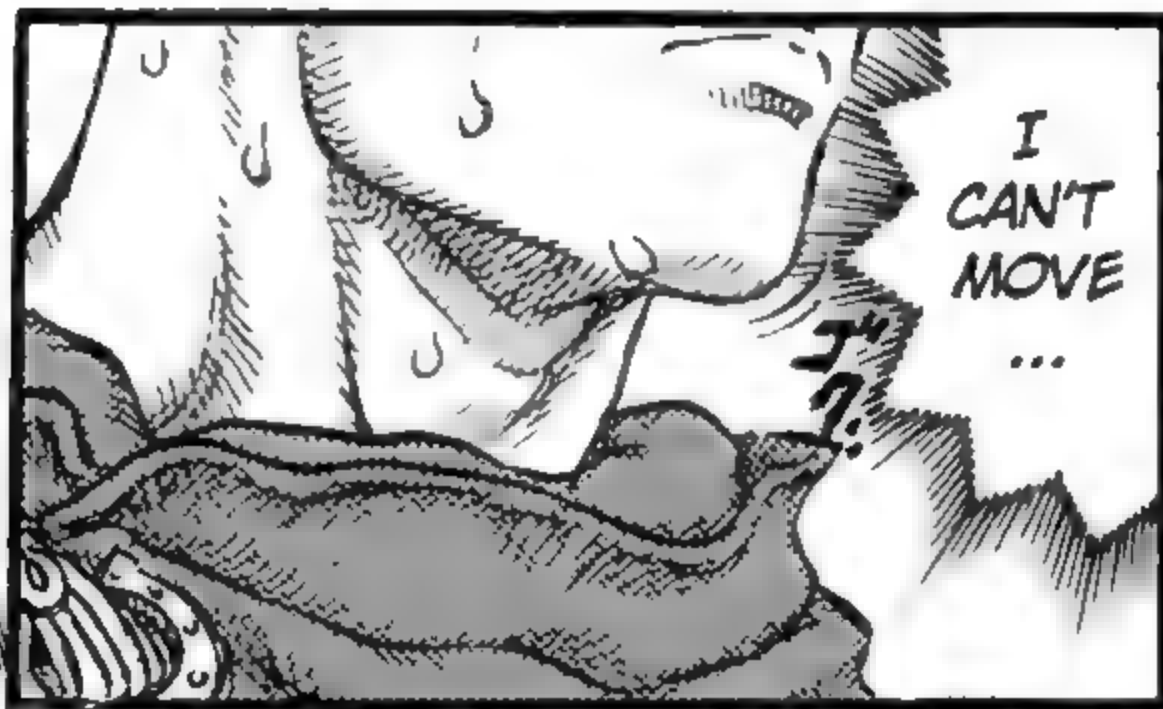
A
BEAST
?!



...THIS
SAVAGE-
RY THAT
FEELS
LIKE IT
CLINGS...

THIS
IS...

I
REMEM-
BER
THIS!!



I
CAN'T
MOVE
...

ア
?

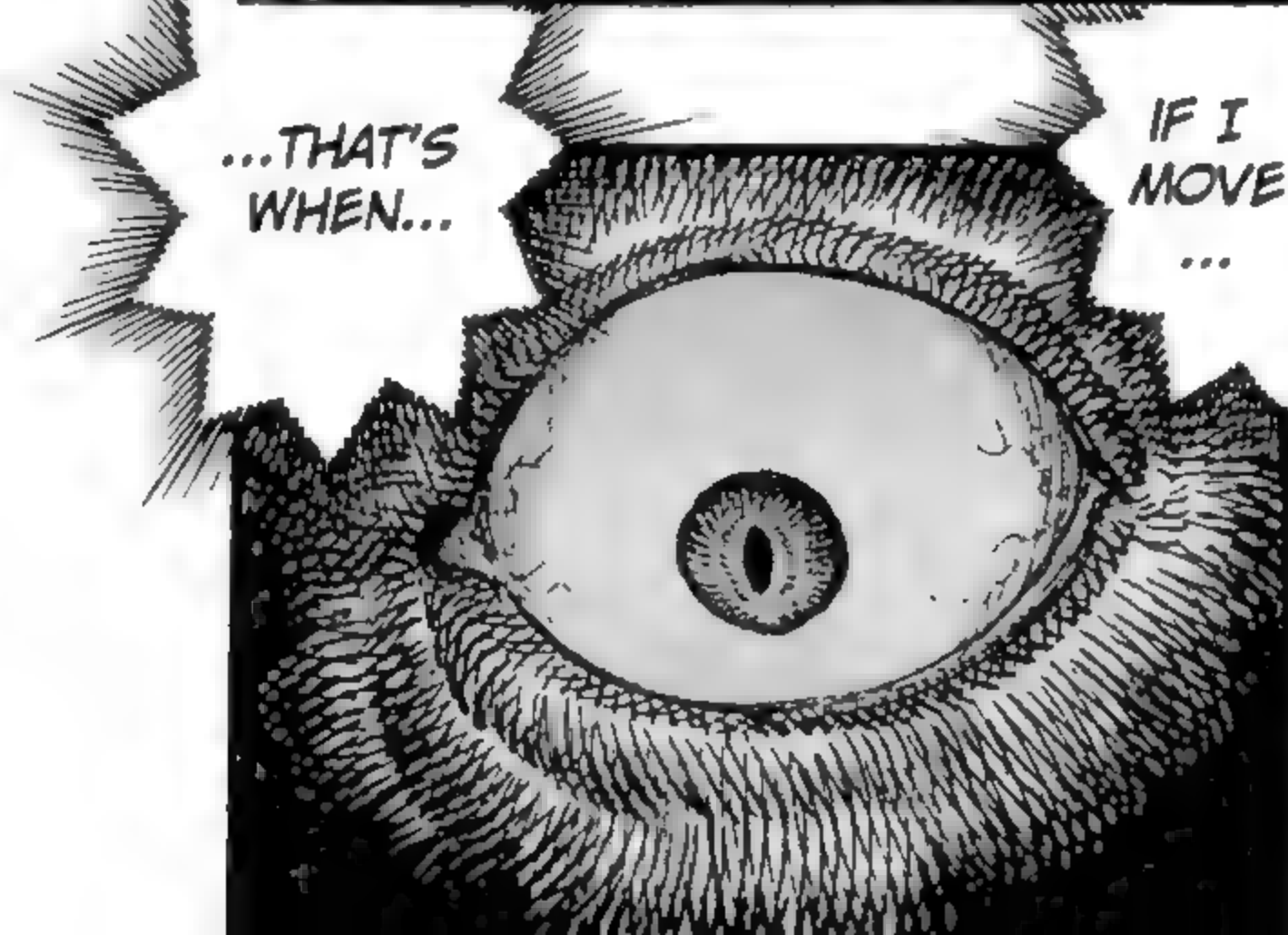


...THAT
EASILY...?!

I
COULDN'T
EVEN
REACT!!



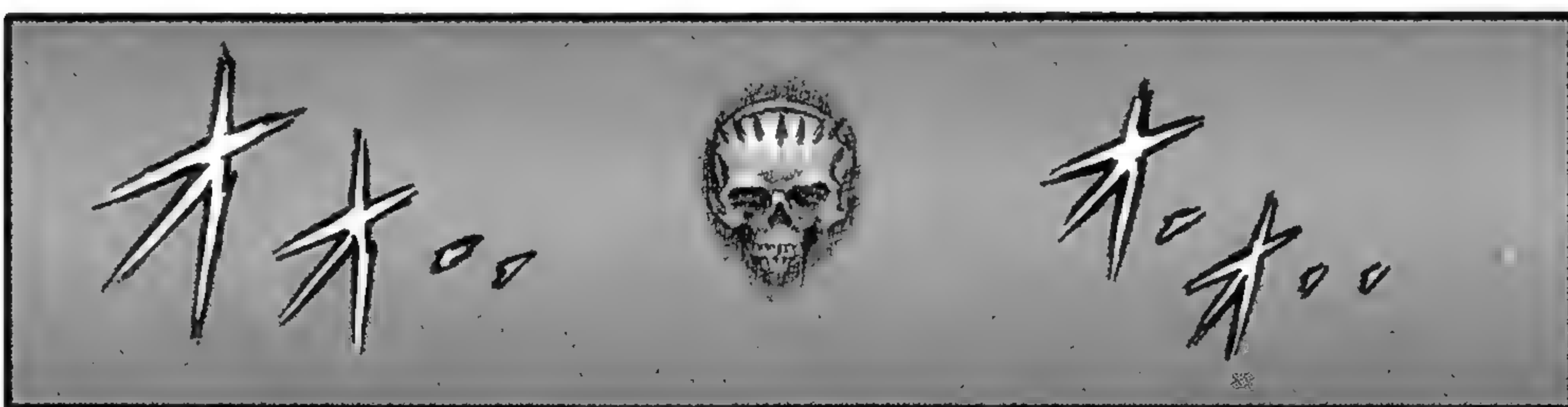
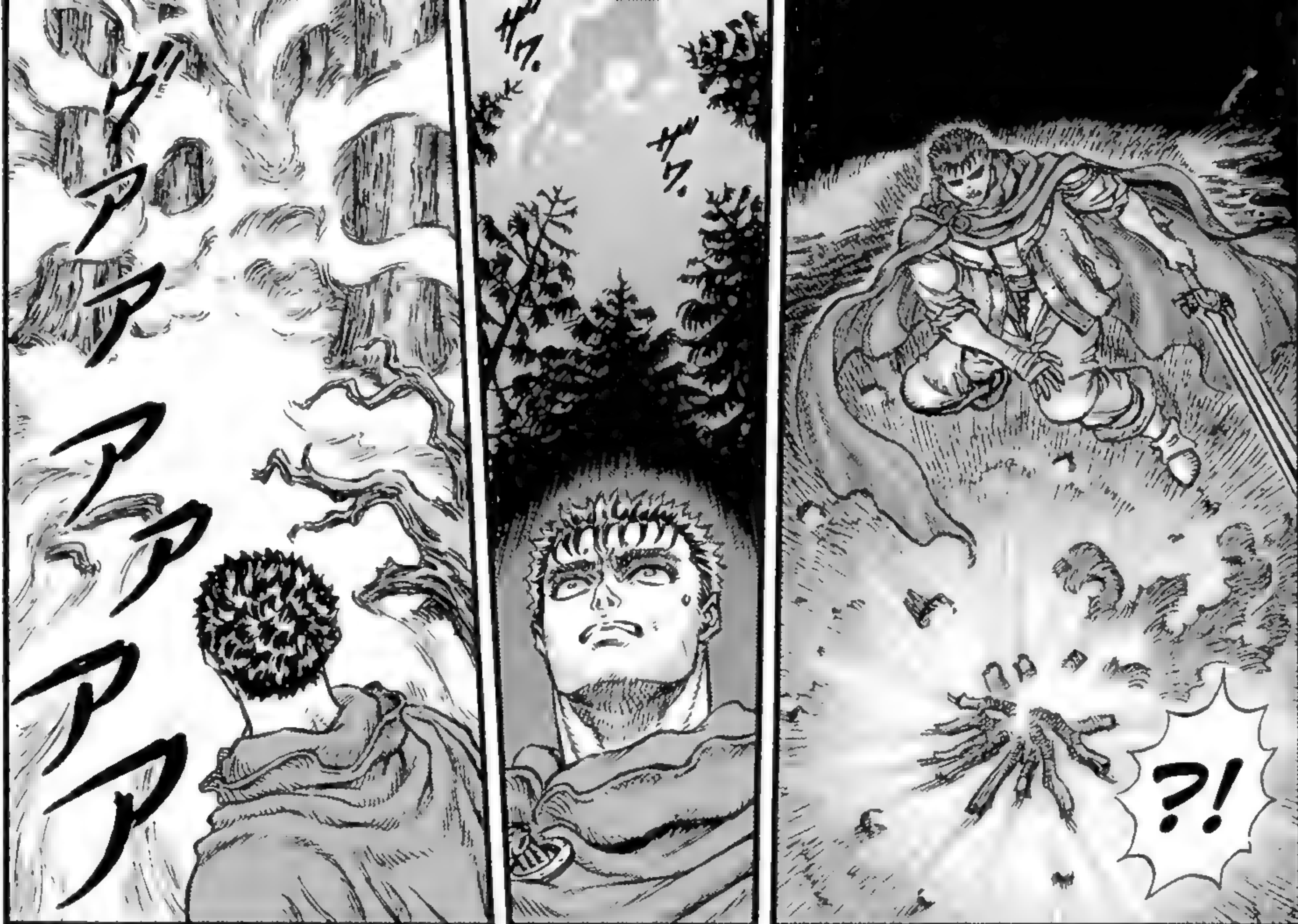
IT
BLINDSIDED
ME...



...THAT'S
WHEN...

IF I
MOVE
...









I'VE NEVER
MISREAD AN ENEMY'S
PRESENCE ONCE!!
I COULD'VE SWORN
HE WAS TRYING TO
BRING HIS SWORD
DOWN ON ME!

I'M SURE
HE WAS
RIGHT
BEHIND
ME!!

IMPOSS-
IBLE...!!

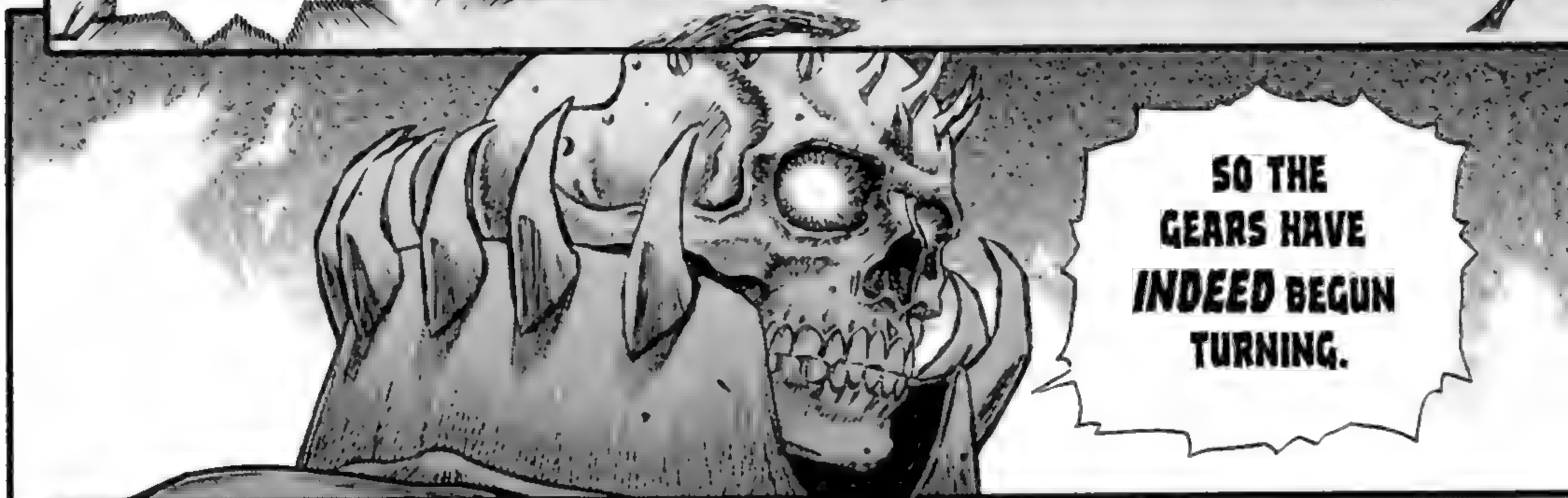


NO,
IT'S
NOT...

ZODD?!

...BUT
THIS...

...THIS
WEIRD,
UNREAL
FEELING...!!



SO THE
GEARS HAVE
INDEED BEGUN
TURNING.



YOU,
STRUGGLER.

**TAKE
HEED.**



STRUGG-
LER?



WHAT'S
THAT
MEAN?!

GEARS
?!

**YOU AND YOUR
FRIENDS!! THOSE
YET UNSEEN OF THE
FLESHLESS FLESH!!
AND THAT UNKINGLY
HALF OF YOURS
SHALL ALL BE
GATHERED THEN
IN THAT
PLACE!!**

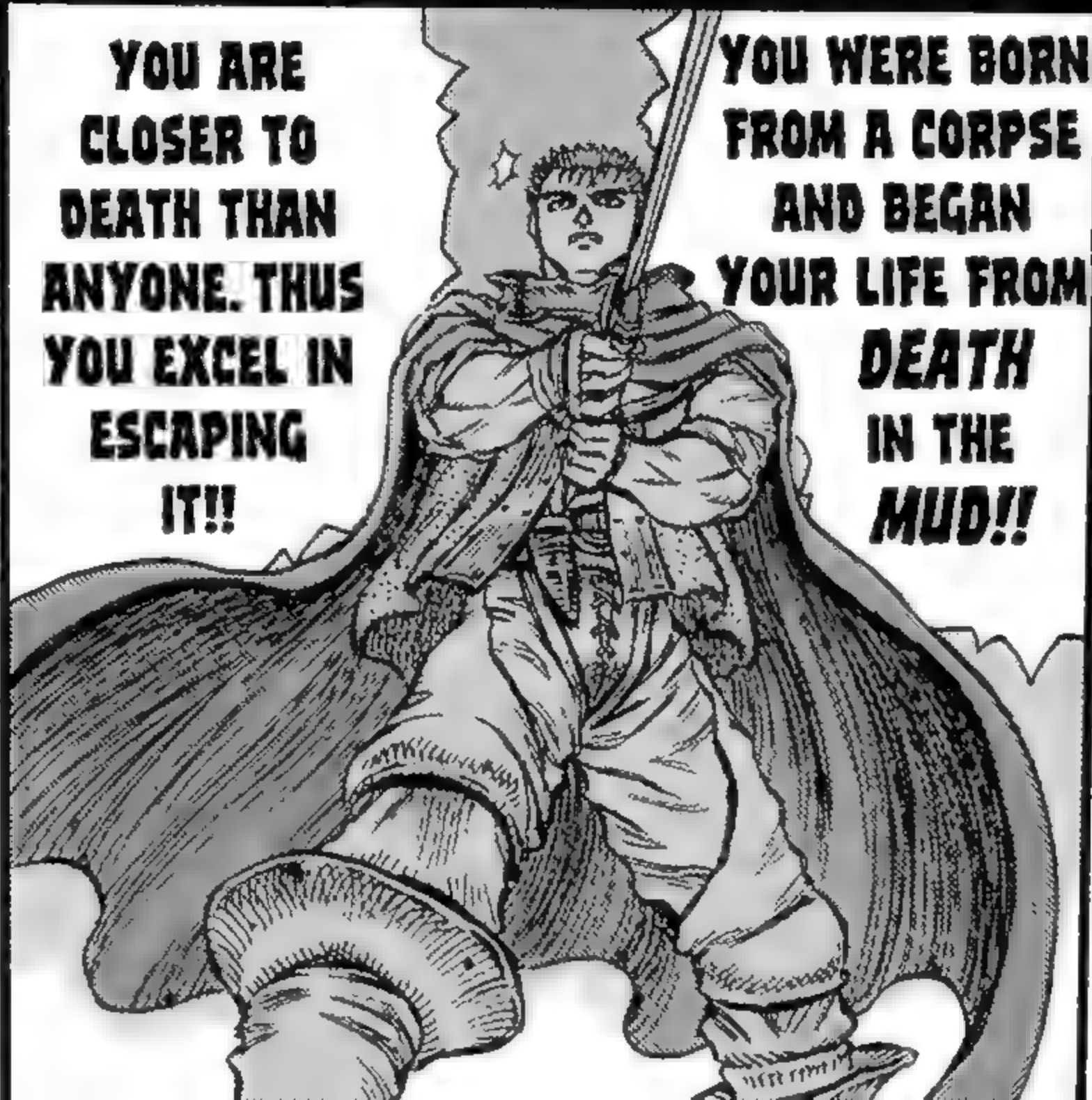
**ONE YEAR
HENCE SHALL
BE THE TIME
OF THE
ECLIPSE!!**

**A TORRENT
OF MADNESS.
A TEMPEST
OF DEATH FOR
WHICH THE
HUMAN BODY
COULD NEVER
ATONE.
SHALL SWEEP
OVER YOU!!**

**WHO IS
THIS?!**



**YOU ARE
CLOSER TO
DEATH THAN
ANYONE. THUS
YOU EXCEL IN
ESCAPING
IT!!**



**YOU WERE BORN
FROM A CORPSE
AND BEGAN
YOUR LIFE FROM
DEATH
IN THE
MUD!!**

**BUT
TAKE
HEED,
STRUG-
GLER!!**





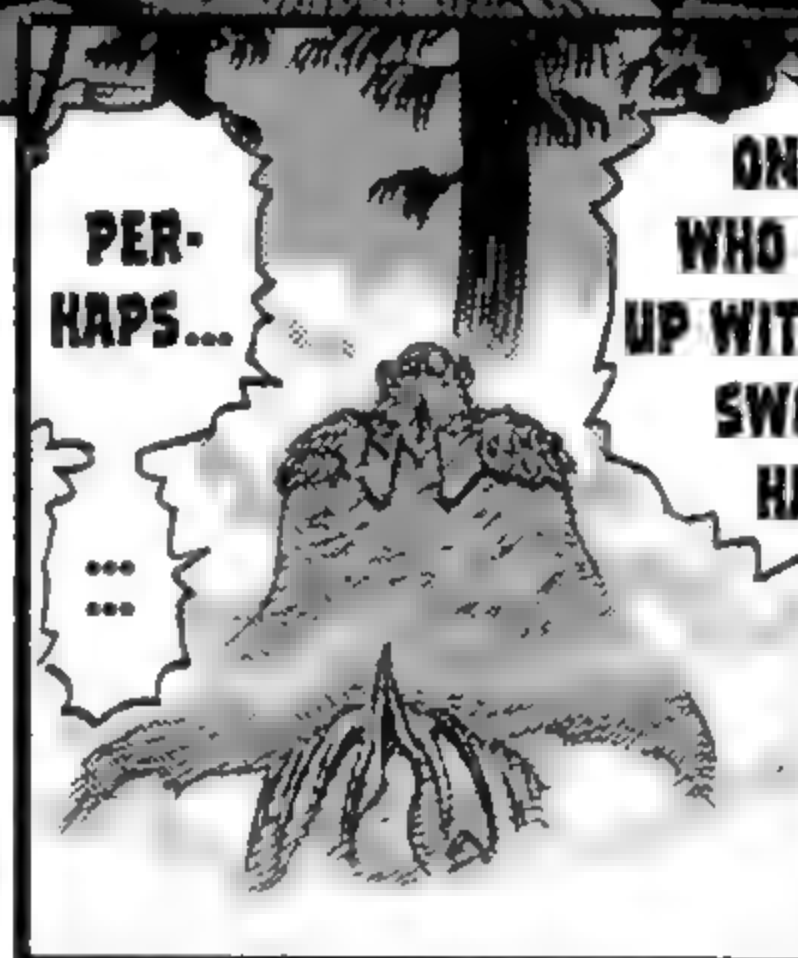
WHO
THE
HELL
ARE
YOU?!

HOW DO
YOU KNOW
ABOUT
ME...?!

THAT ALONE
IS THE SWORD
OF ONE WHO
CONFRONTS
DEATH!!

NEVER
FORGET
THIS!!

STRUGGLE,
CONTEND,
WRIGGLE!!



PER-
HAPS...

...



ONLY HE
WHO STANDS
UP WITH BROKEN
SWORD IN
HAND...

IN THE
ABYSS OF
DESPAIR
...



W-WAIT
...!!

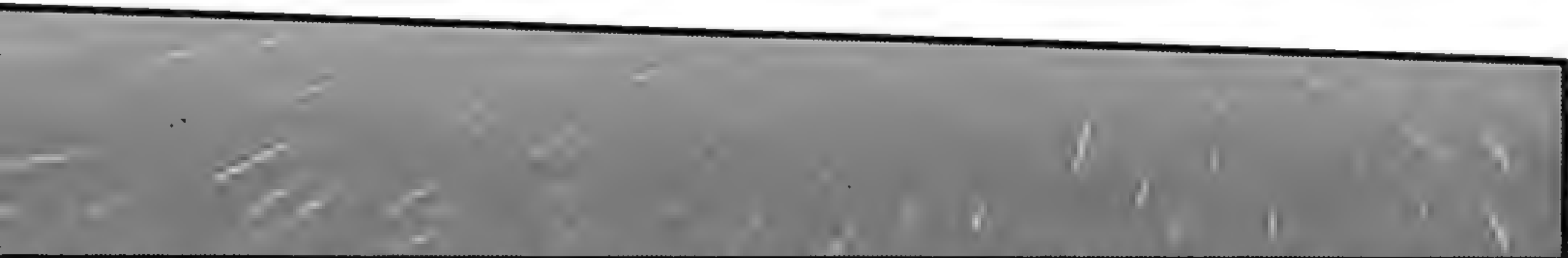
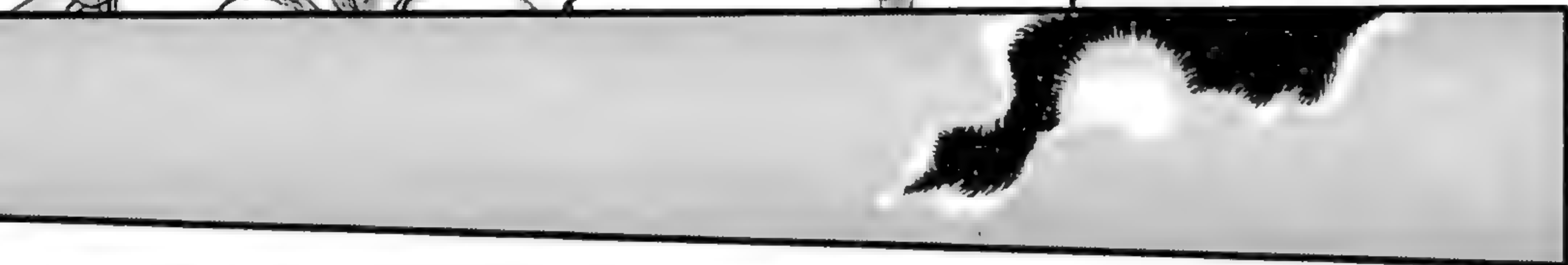
THE
KNIGHT
OF
SKELETON
...



AN
ILLUSION
...?!



...NO.





PLEASE HURRY TO BED, YOUR HIGHNESS. YOU WILL CATCH COLD.

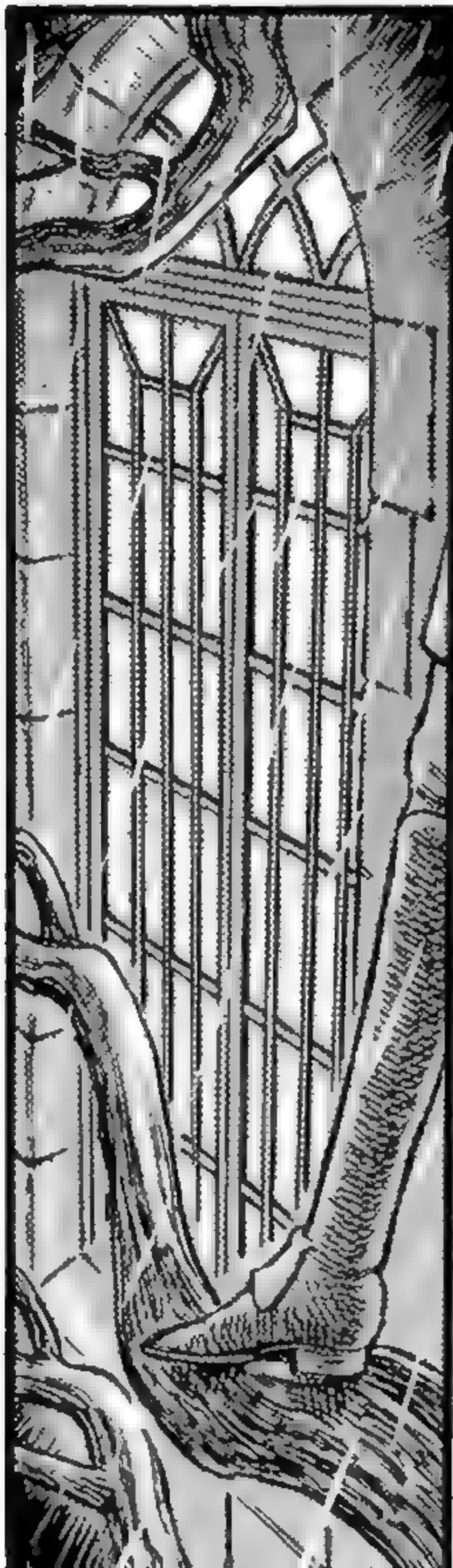
NOW THE SNOW WILL MELT...

YES... YOU ARE DISMISSED FOR THE DAY.



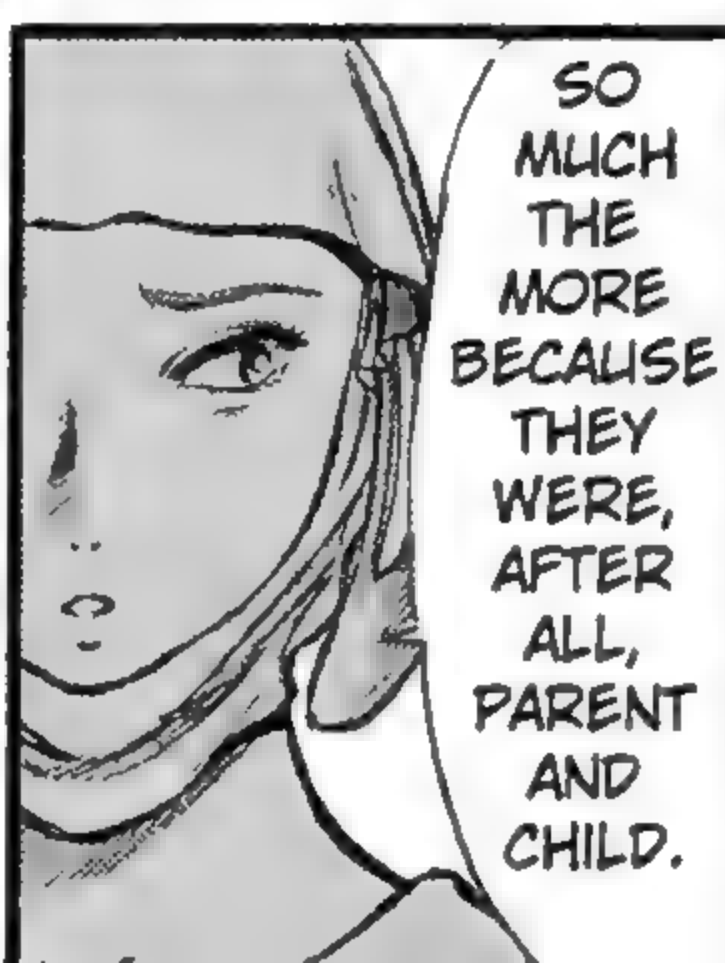
HER HIGHNESS SEEMS DEPRESSED.

THAT SHE DOES.



I'D BE GLOOMY TOO IF I LOST THREE RELATIVES IN A ROW.

LORD JULIUS, LORD ADONIS, AND EVEN HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN HAVE ALL DIED IN SUCCESSION.



SO MUCH THE MORE BECAUSE THEY WERE, AFTER ALL, PARENT AND CHILD.

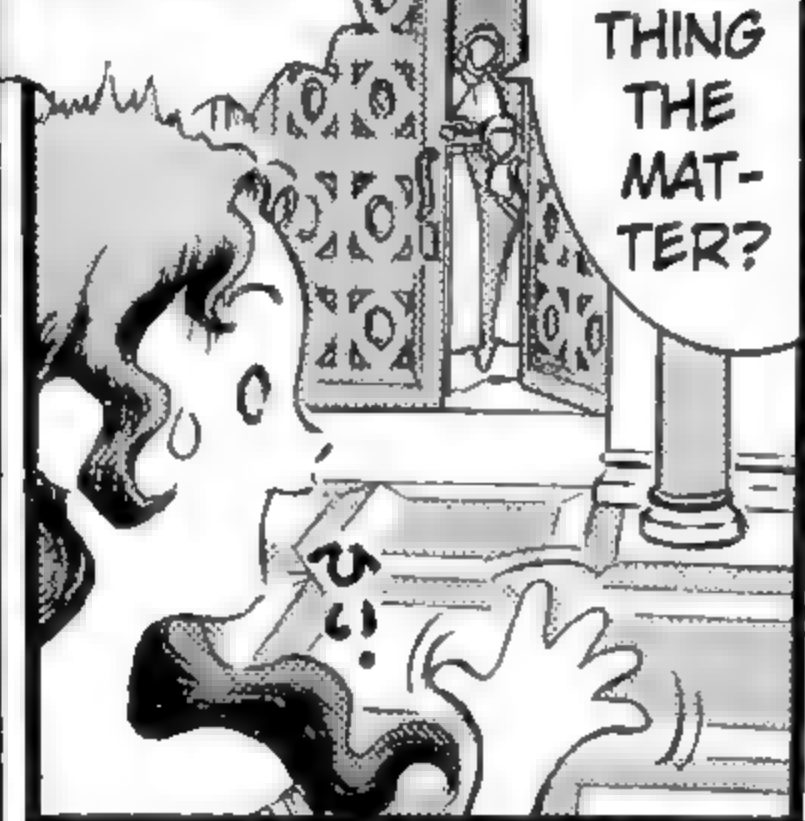


DON'T BE FOOLISH.

BUT LORD JULIUS AND LORD ADONIS ASIDE...HER HIGHNESS DISLIKED HER MAJESTY SO MUCH...



IT- IT- IT'S NOTHING!! GO, GO!!



GOOD EVENING, PRINCESS CHARLOTTE.



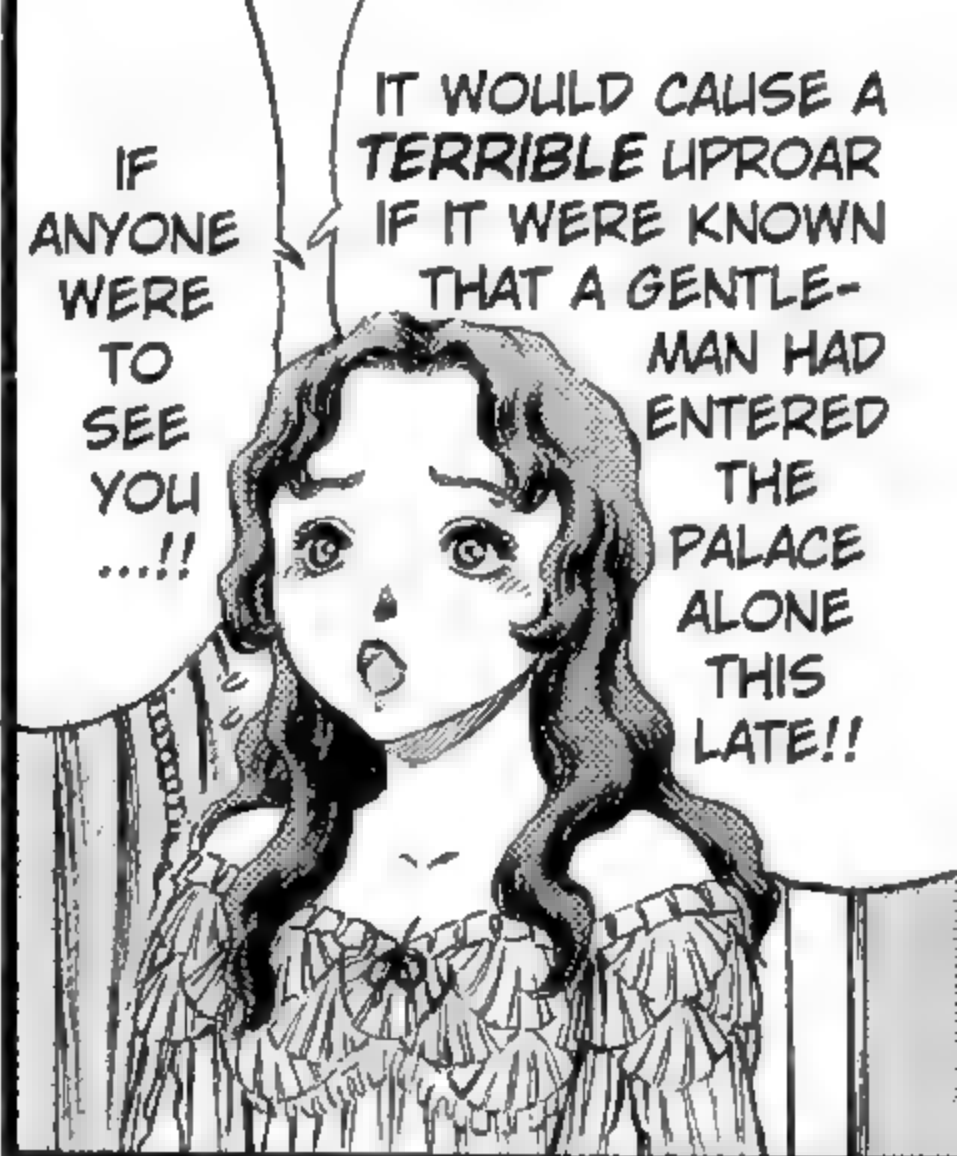
YOUR PARDON.

...



IF SOMEONE WERE TO SEE ME NOW, IT WOULD INFLICT DAMAGE UPON YOUR HONOR.

THEREFORE, IF HER HIGHNESS DOESN'T OBJECT, WOULD SHE PERMIT ME TO ENTER HER ROOM?



IF ANYONE WERE TO SEE YOU ...!!

IT WOULD CAUSE A TERRIBLE UPROAR IF IT WERE KNOWN THAT A GENTLEMAN HAD ENTERED THE PALACE ALONE THIS LATE!!



EH.
YES.

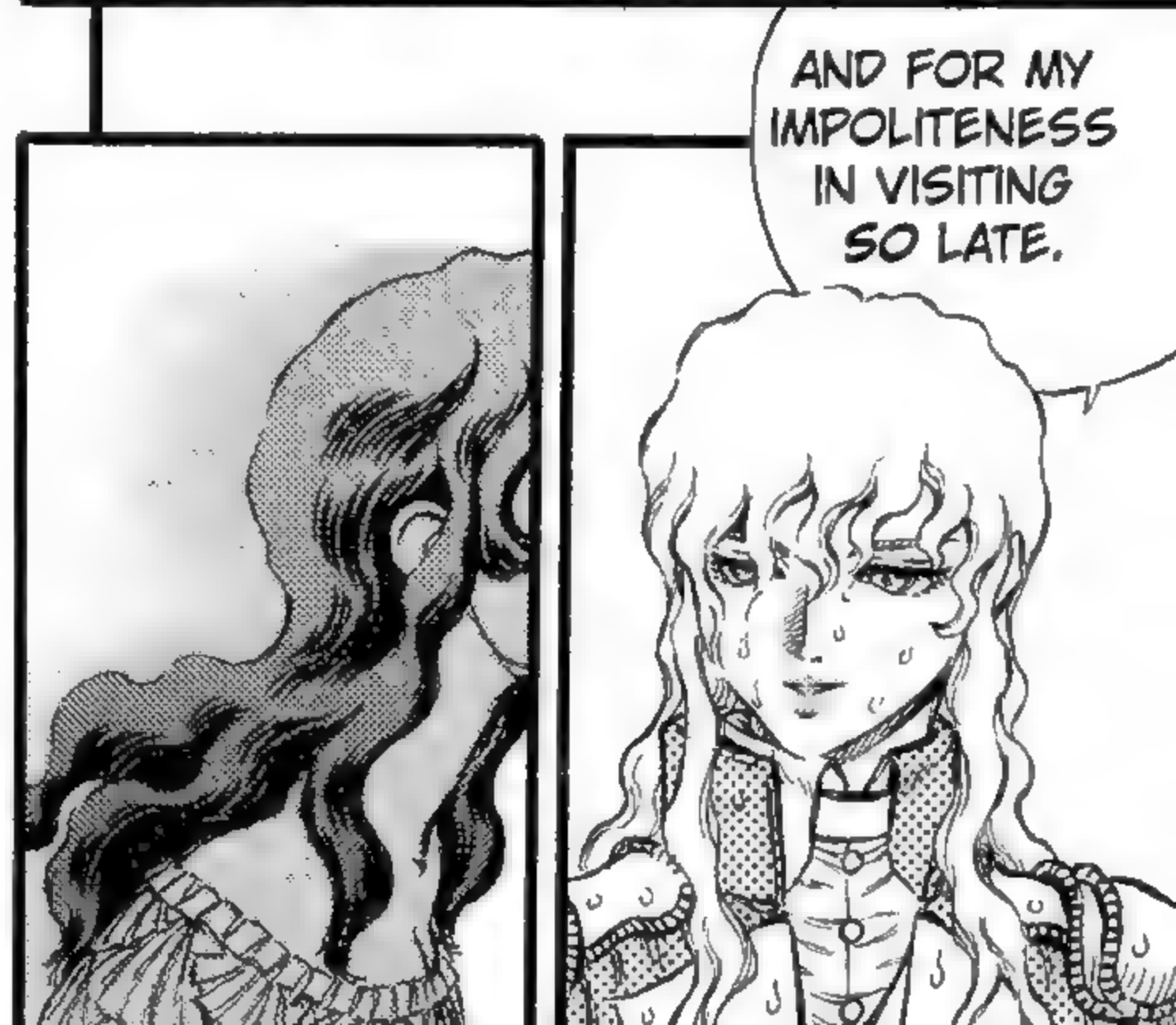
OF COURSE, COME IN.

BESIDES, IT'S RATHER DIFFICULT TO KEEP ONE'S BALANCE OUT HERE.



FOR DRIPPING SO MUCH WATER INTO A LADY'S CHAMBERS ...

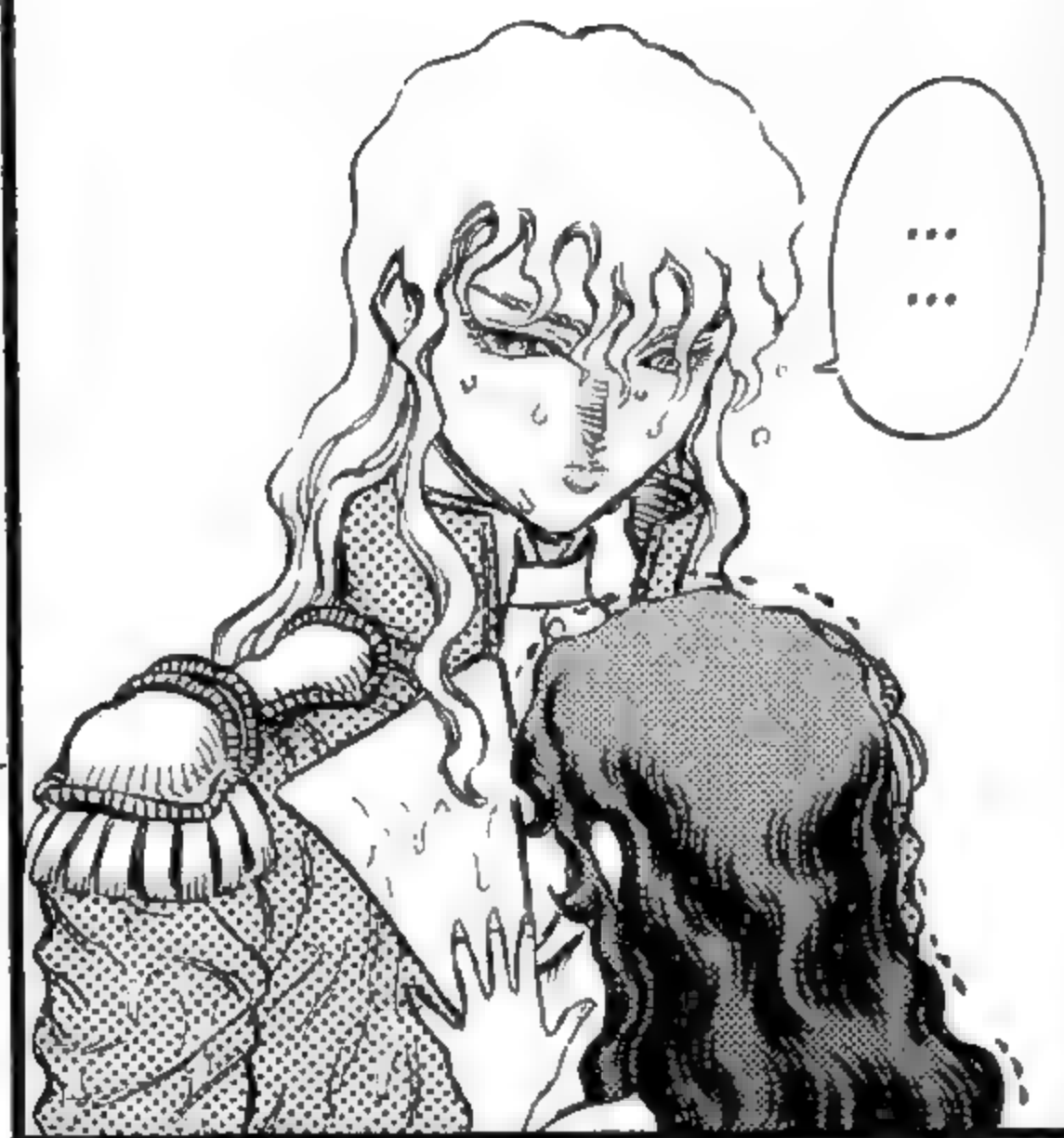
FORGIVE ME.



AND FOR MY IMPOLITENESS IN VISITING SO LATE.

I'D WAKE UP SO MANY
TIMES BREATHLESS FROM
NIGHTMARES...THAT YOU
HAD DIED ON THE
BATTLEFIELD...

I'VE
BEEN SO...
SO SCARED
EVER SINCE
THAT DAY
YOU LEFT...



I'VE
MISSED
YOU...

SINCE
THAT
DAY
...

...HALF
A YEAR
AGO.

EVER
SINCE WE
PARTED THAT
MORNING YOU
WENT TO
WAR...



NOTHING BUT
FRIGHTENING
AND SAD
THINGS HAVE
HAPPENED.

I'VE
BEEN
SO
ALONE
...

WHY
...

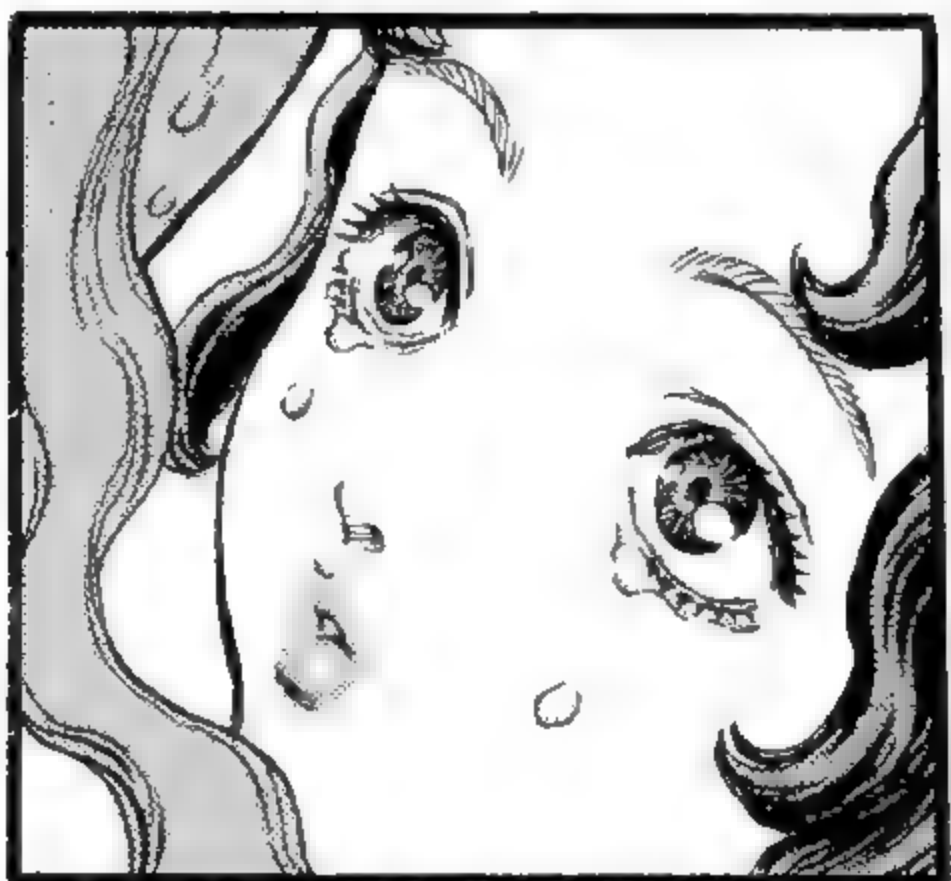
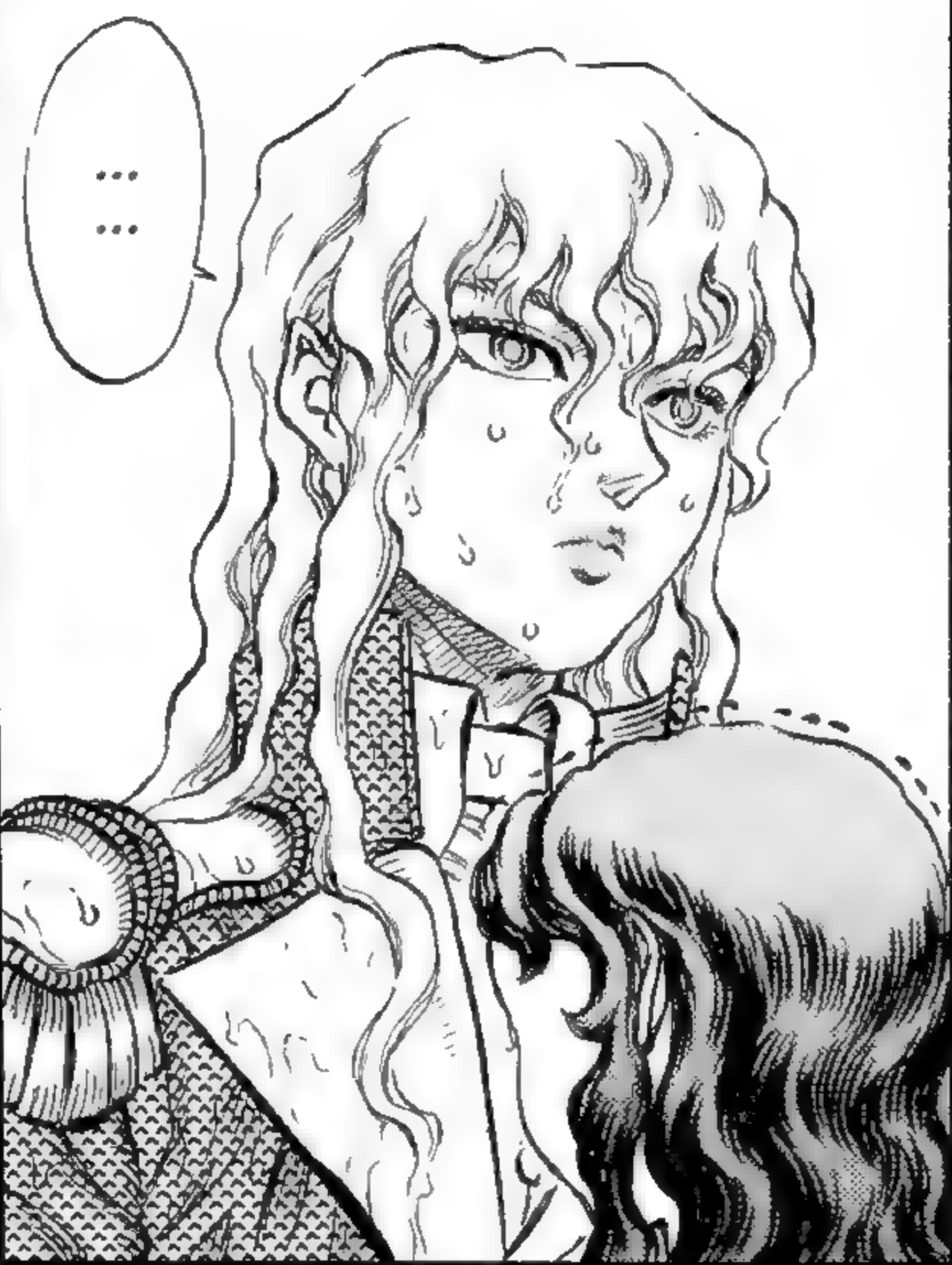
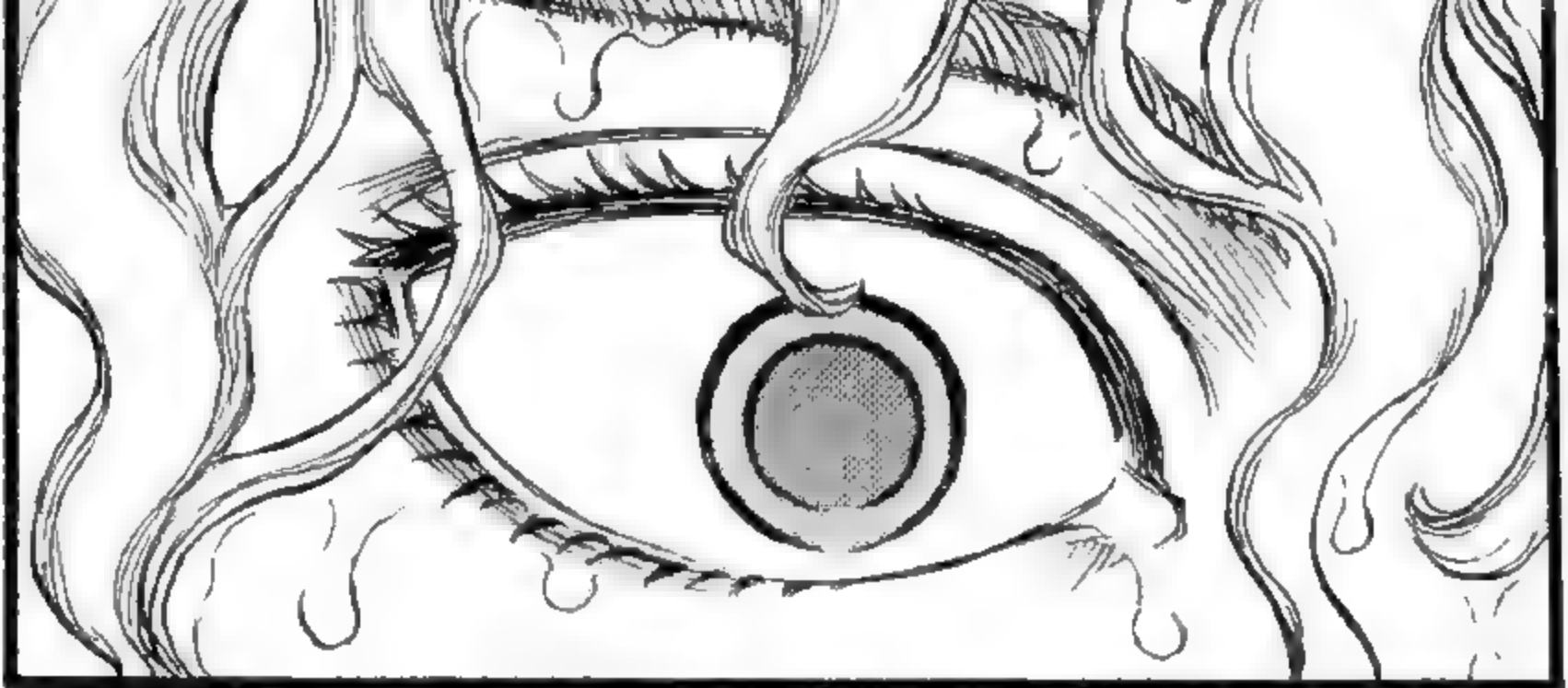


WHY
DIDN'T
YOU
COME...
COME TO
SEE ME
SOONER
THAN
THIS?!



AND THEN
ONCE YOU
CAME BACK
SAFELY, THAT
DREADFUL THING
HAPPENED AT
THE VICTORY
BALL...

I PASSED OUT.
WHEN I WOKE UP,
THEN IT WAS
MY STEPMOTHER
WHO...I NEVER DID
MANAGE TO COME TO
TERMS WITH HER...!!
I DIDN'T EVEN TRY!!



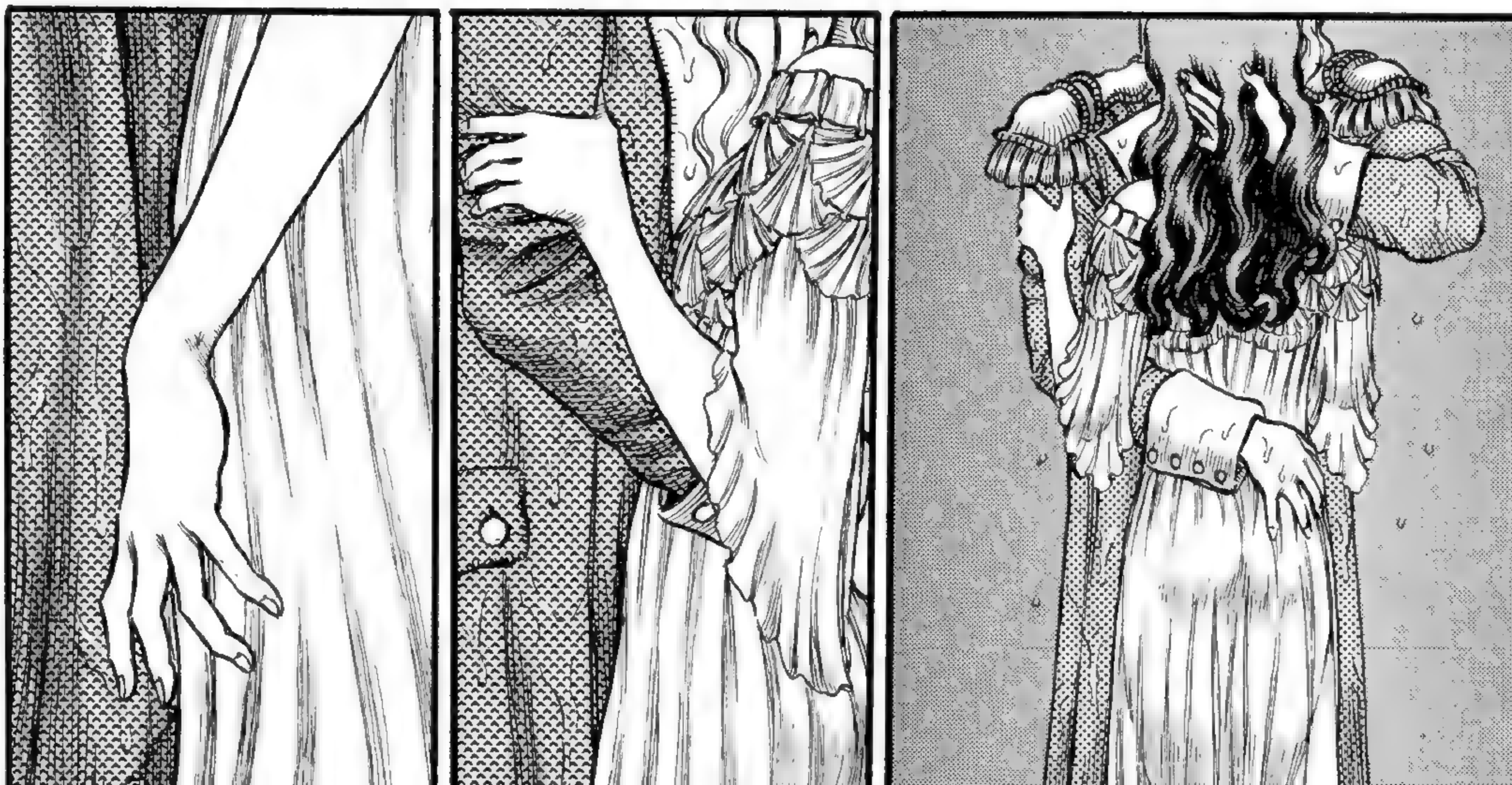
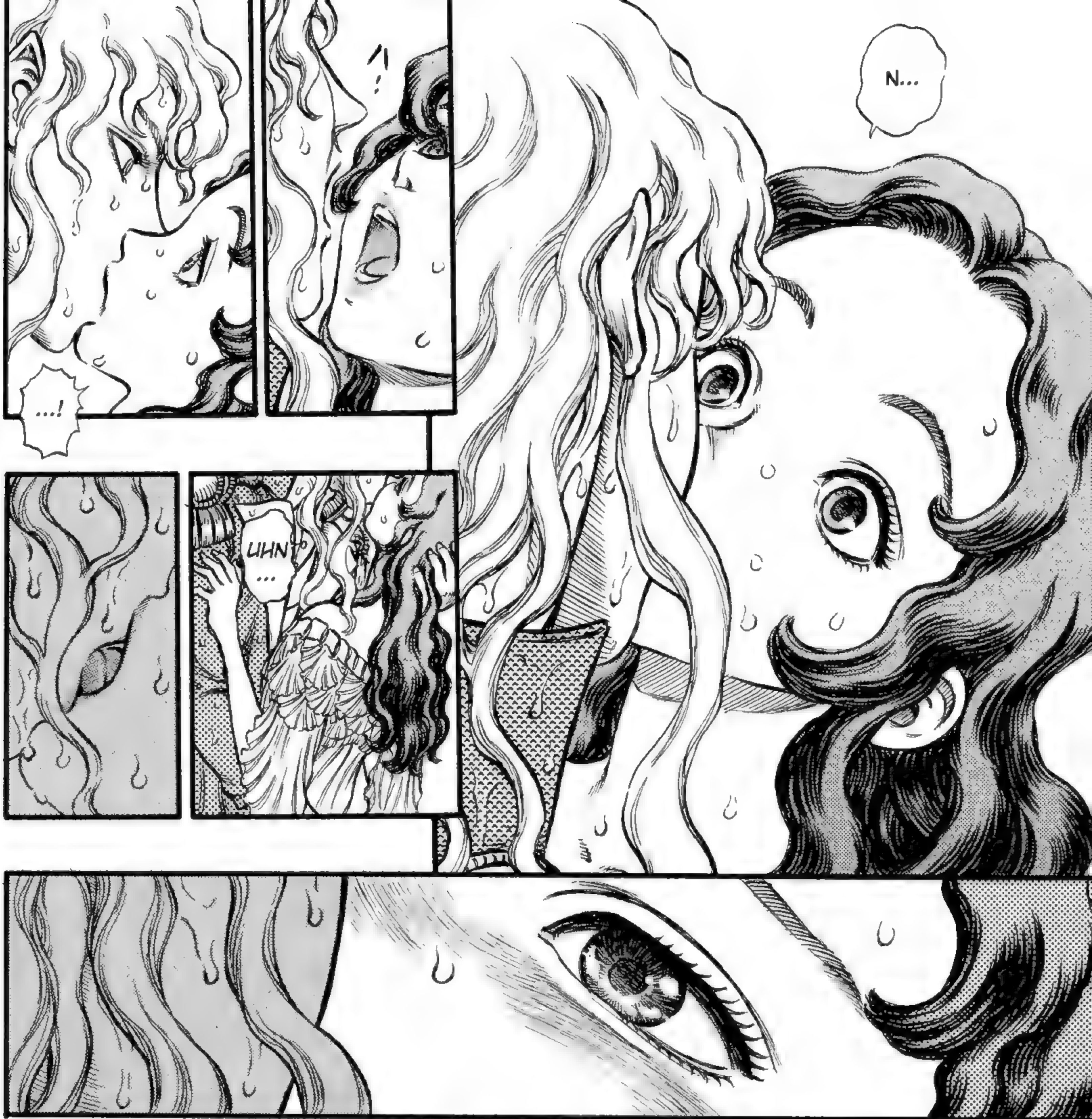
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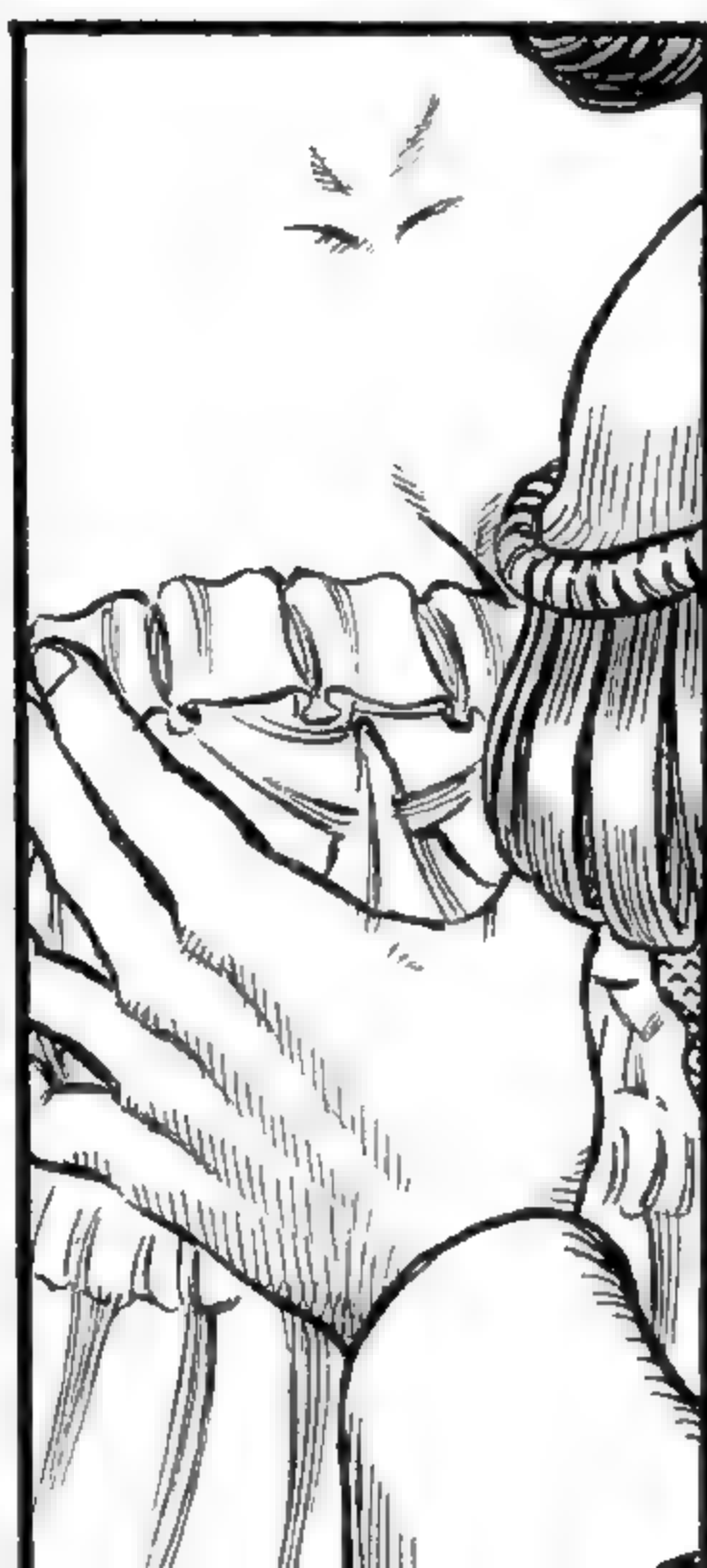
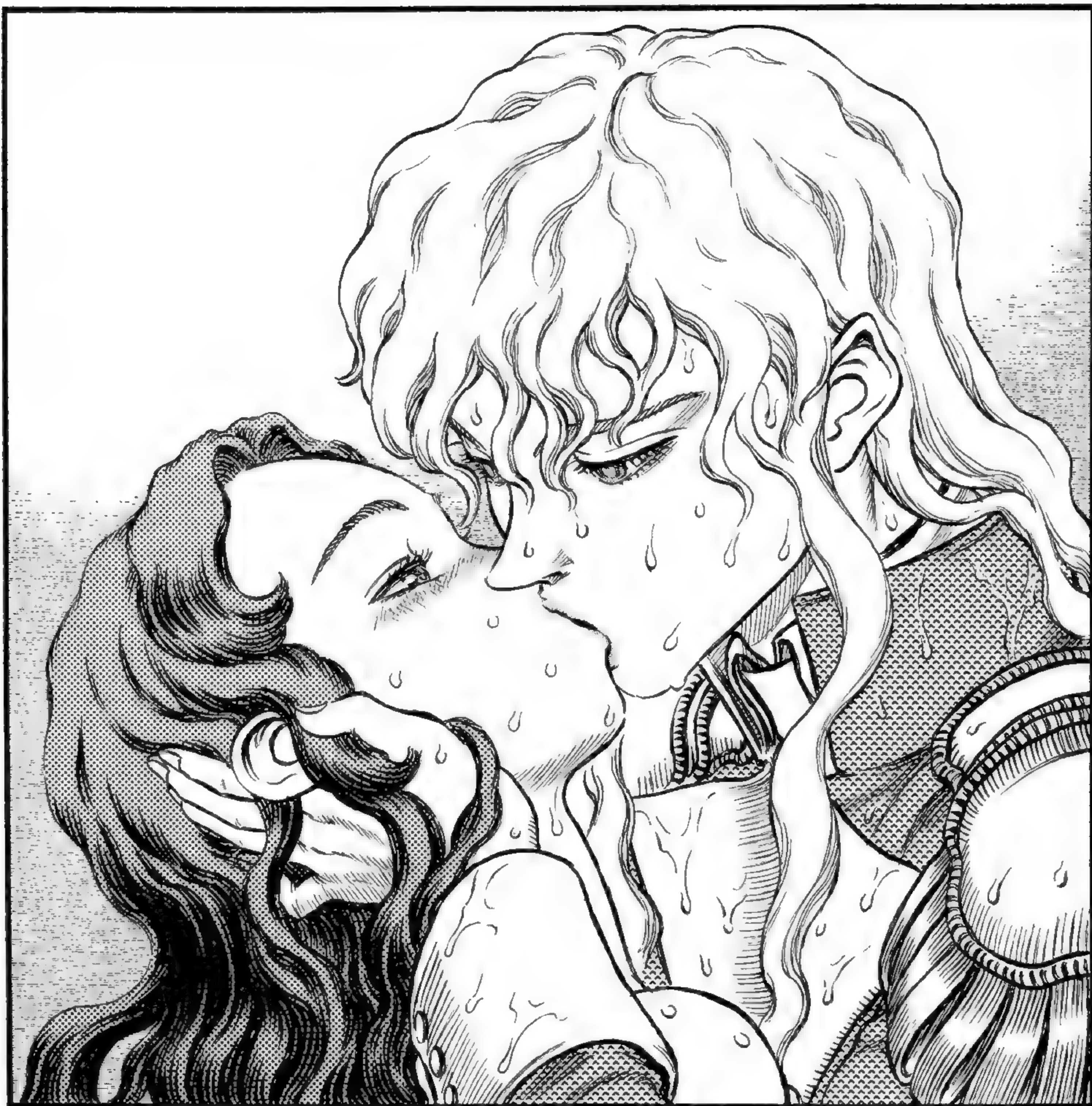
**START
OF THE
EVER-
LASTING
NIGHT**

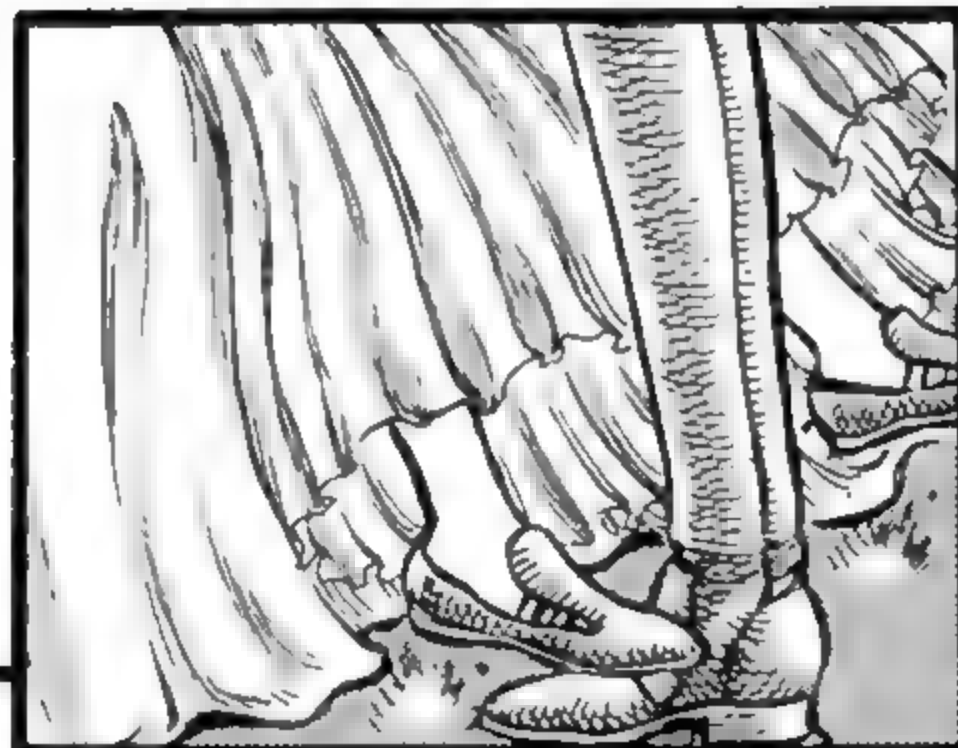


ハルシエル

果てしなき夜の始まり

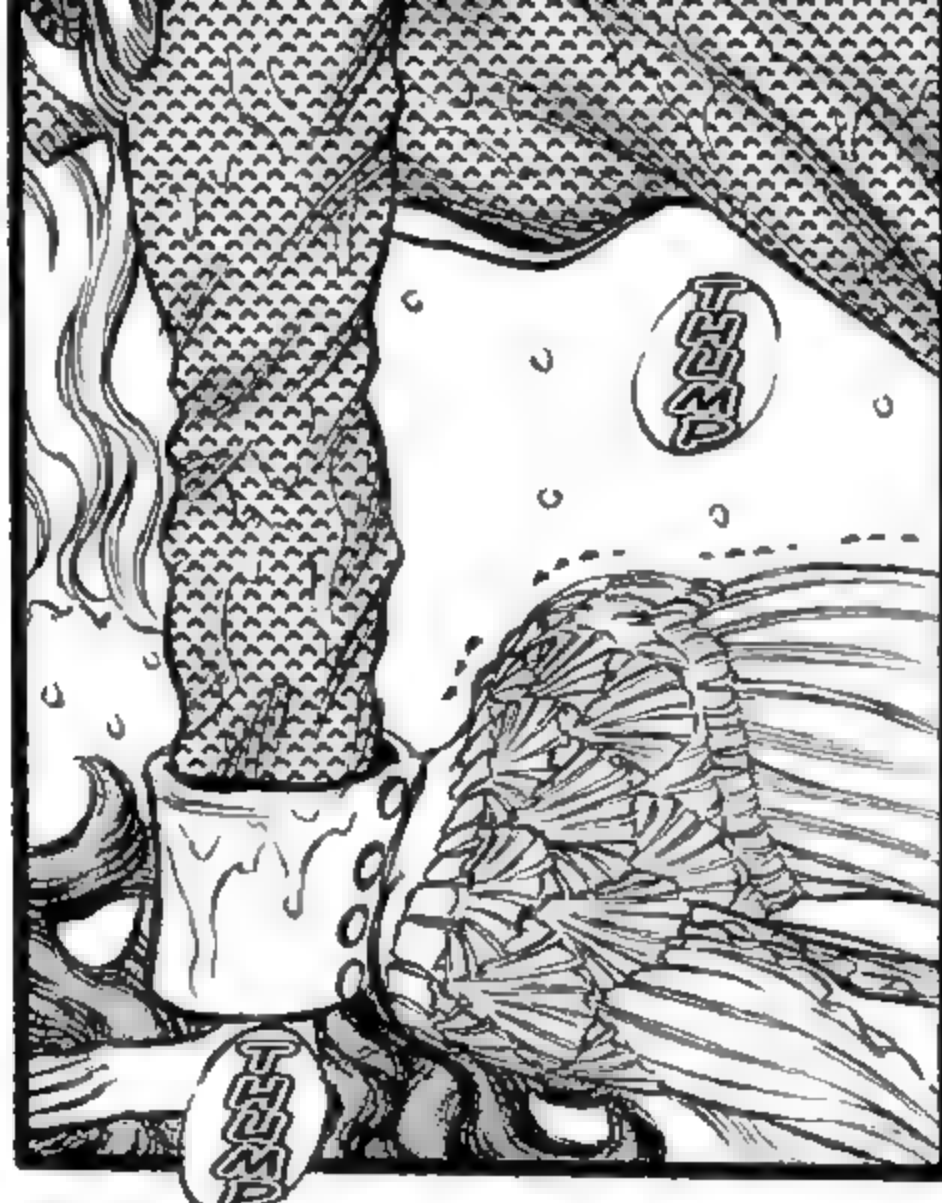








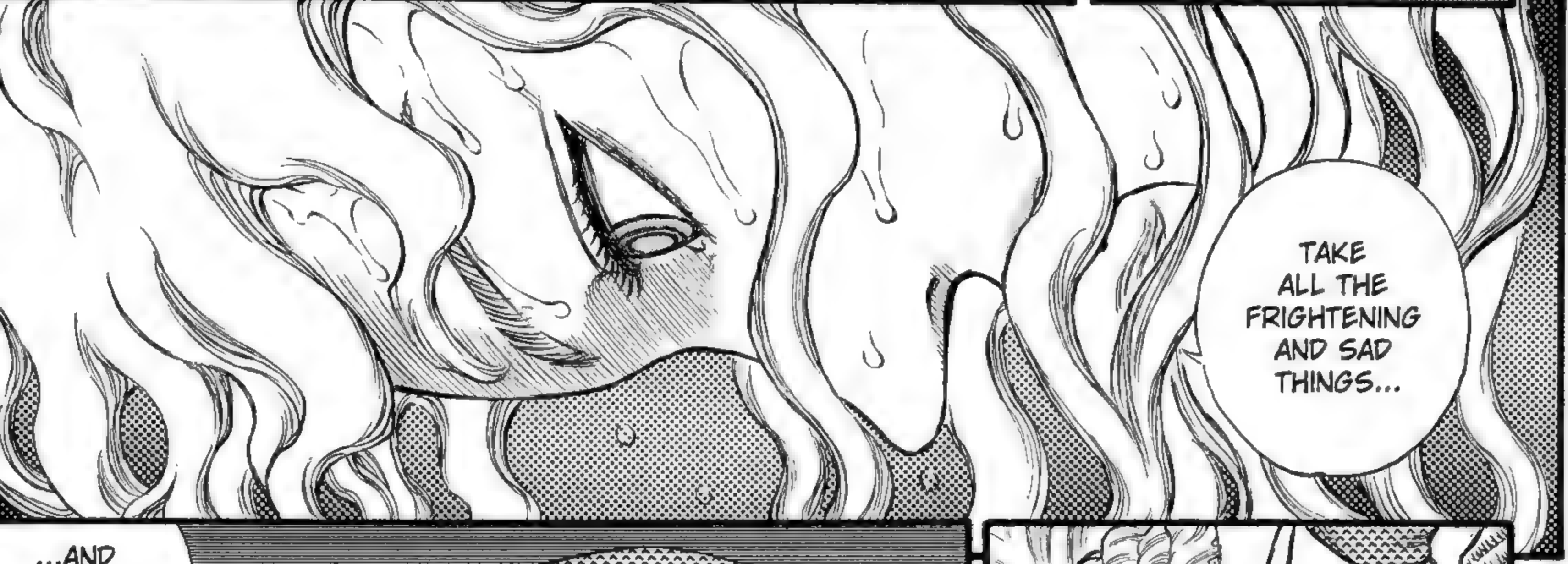
ARE YOU
AFRAID?



THUMP



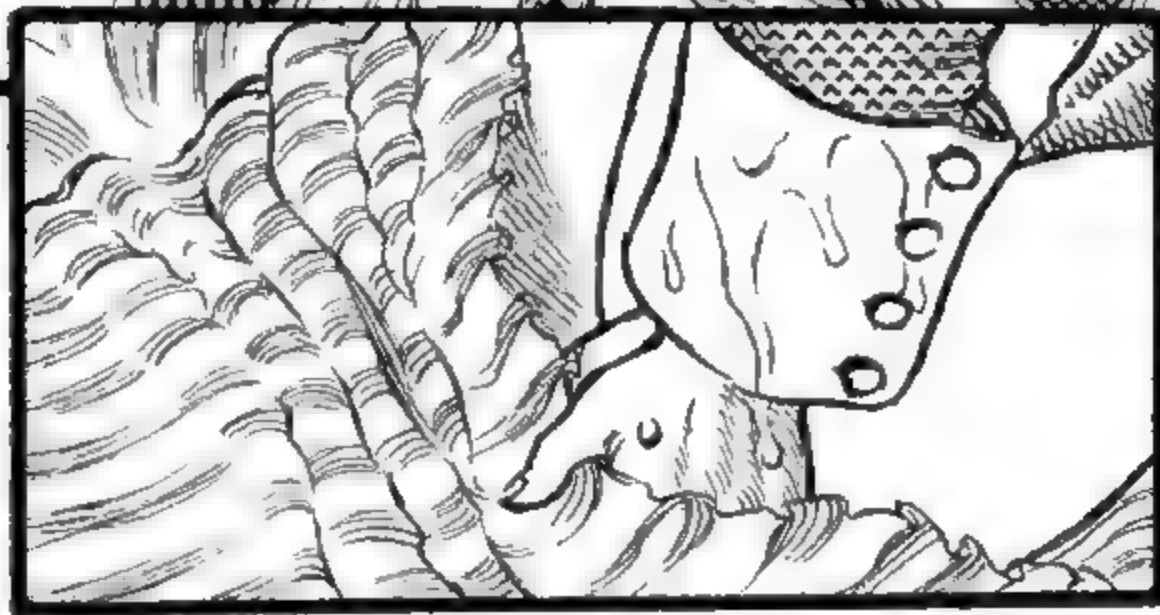
THUMP



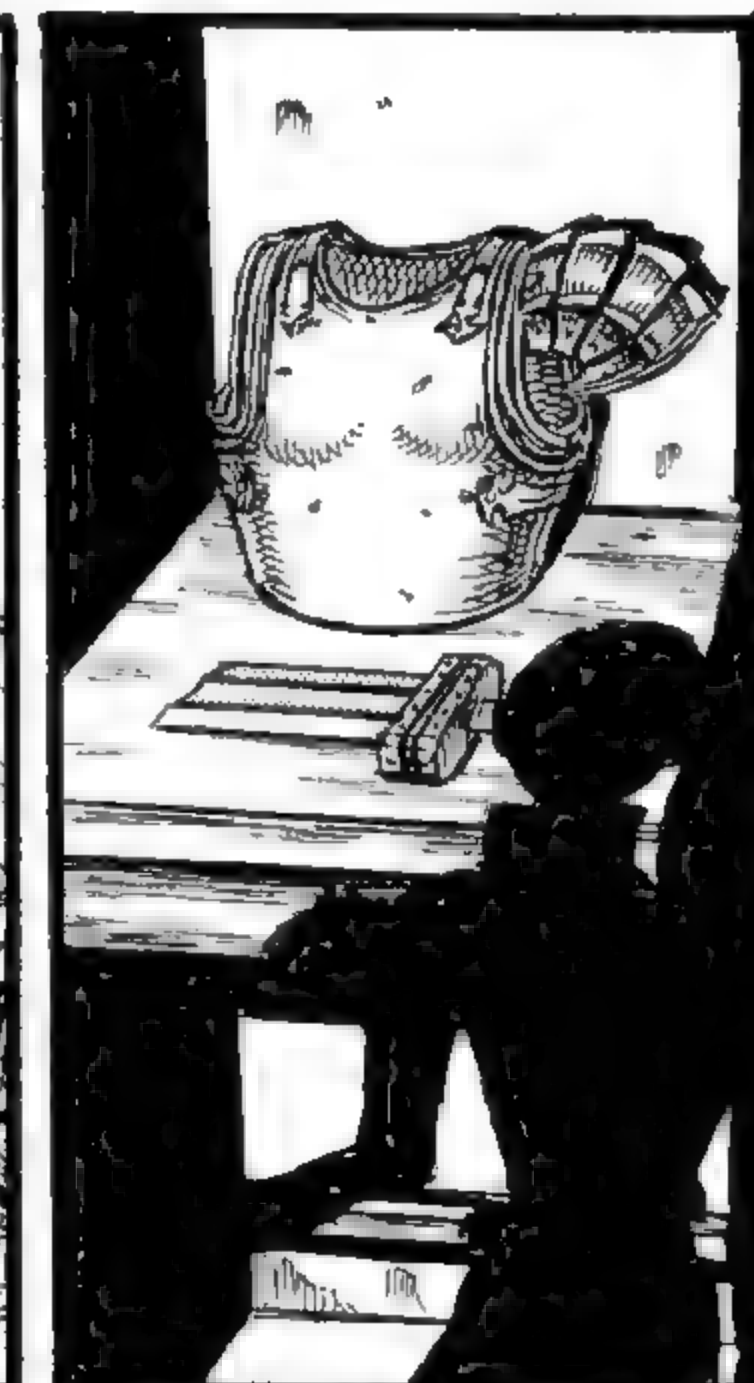
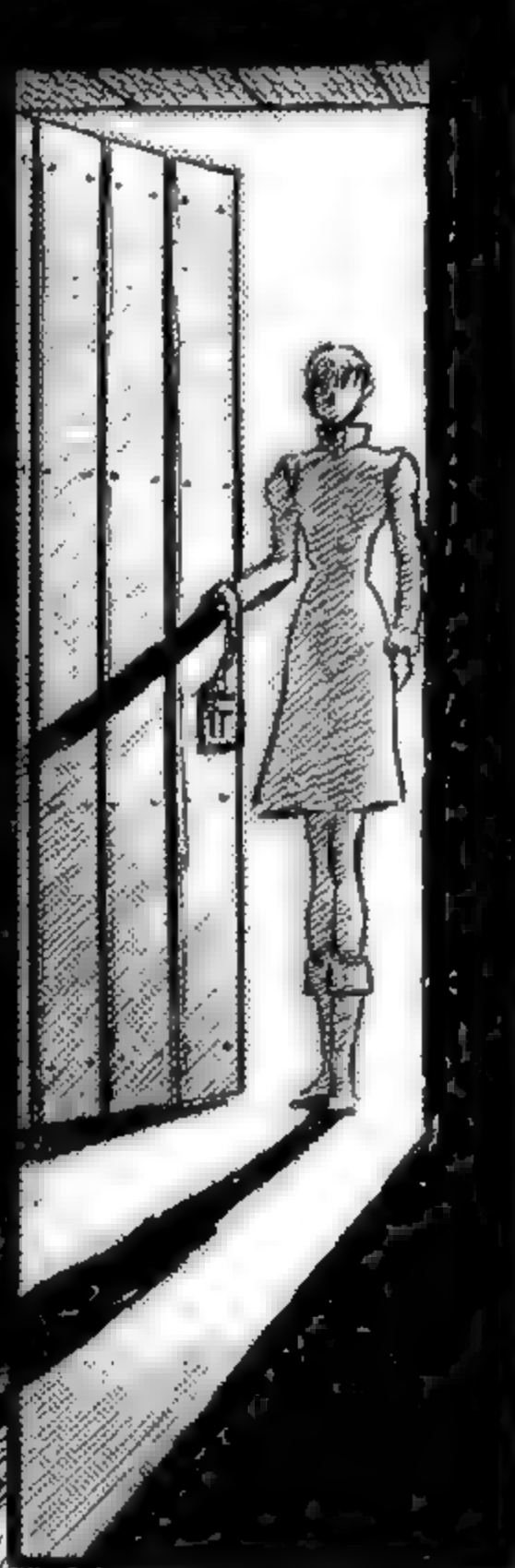
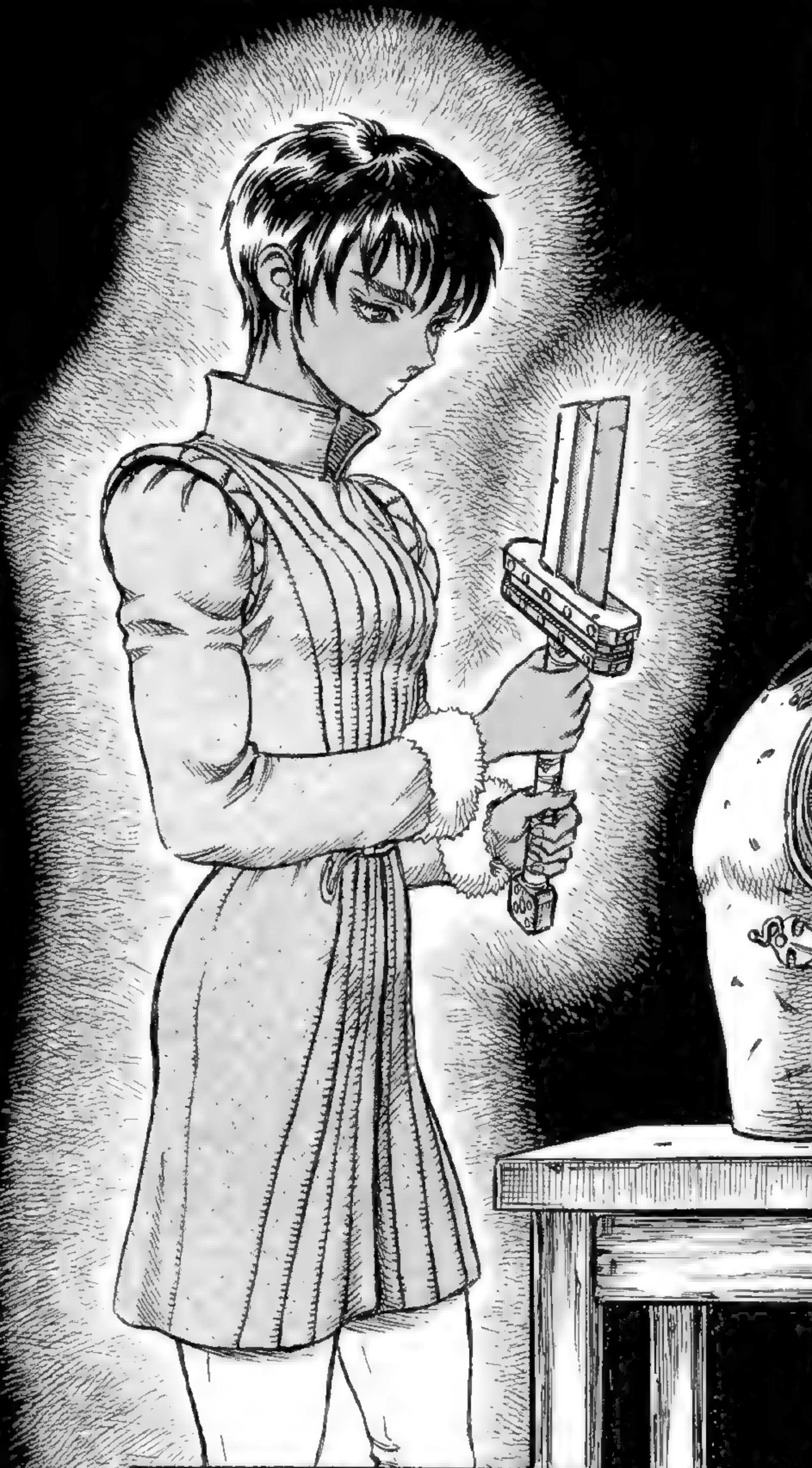
TAKE
ALL THE
FRIGHTENING
AND SAD
THINGS...

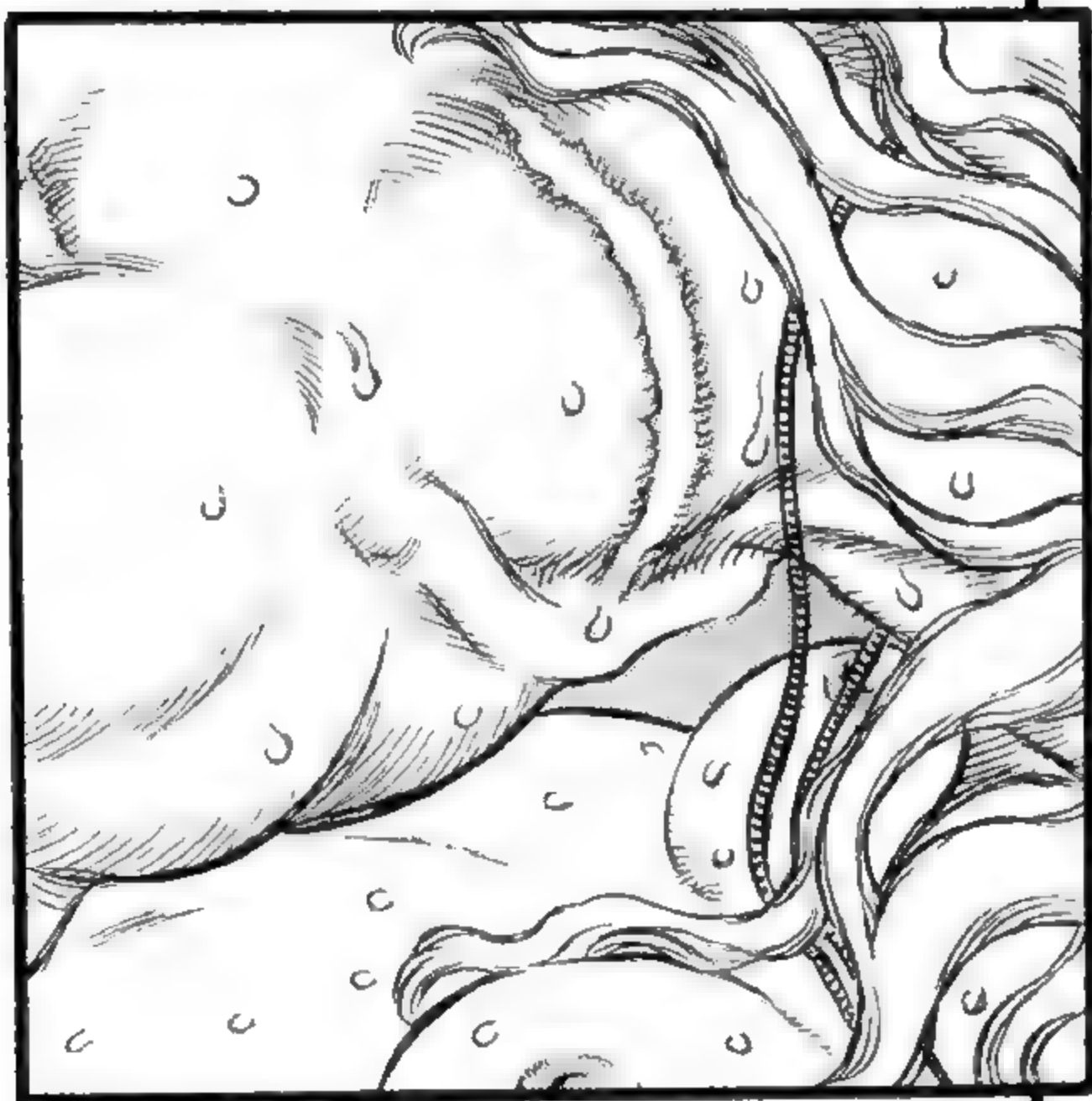
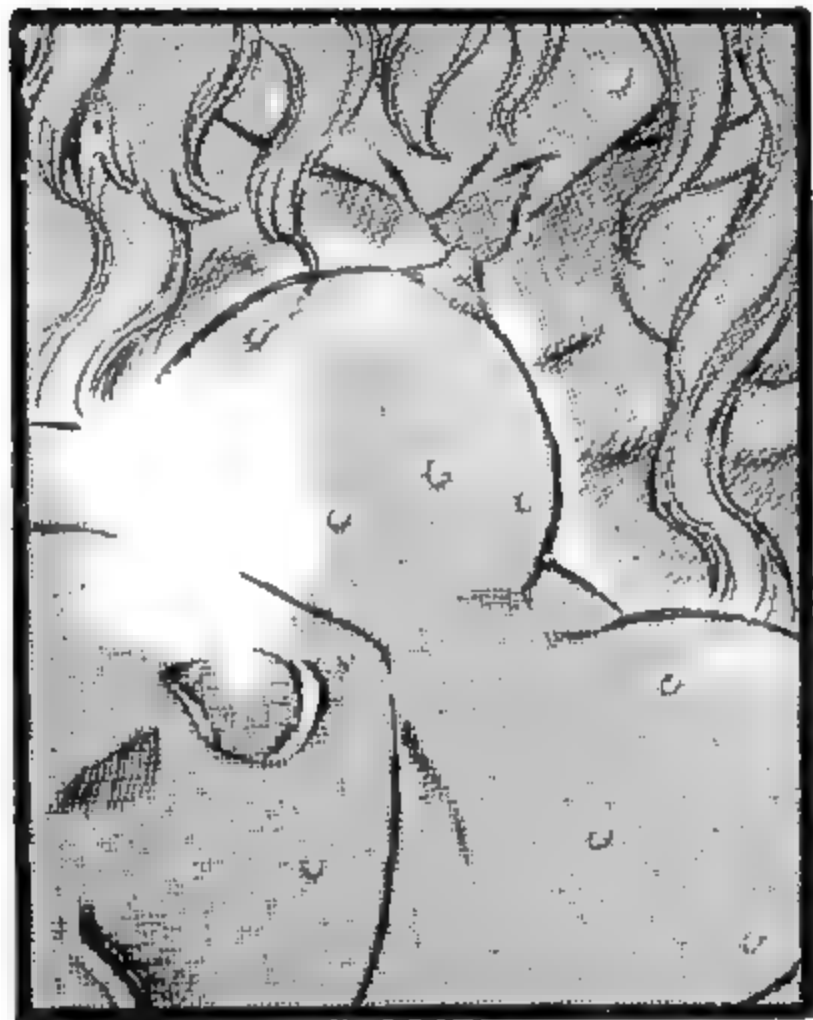
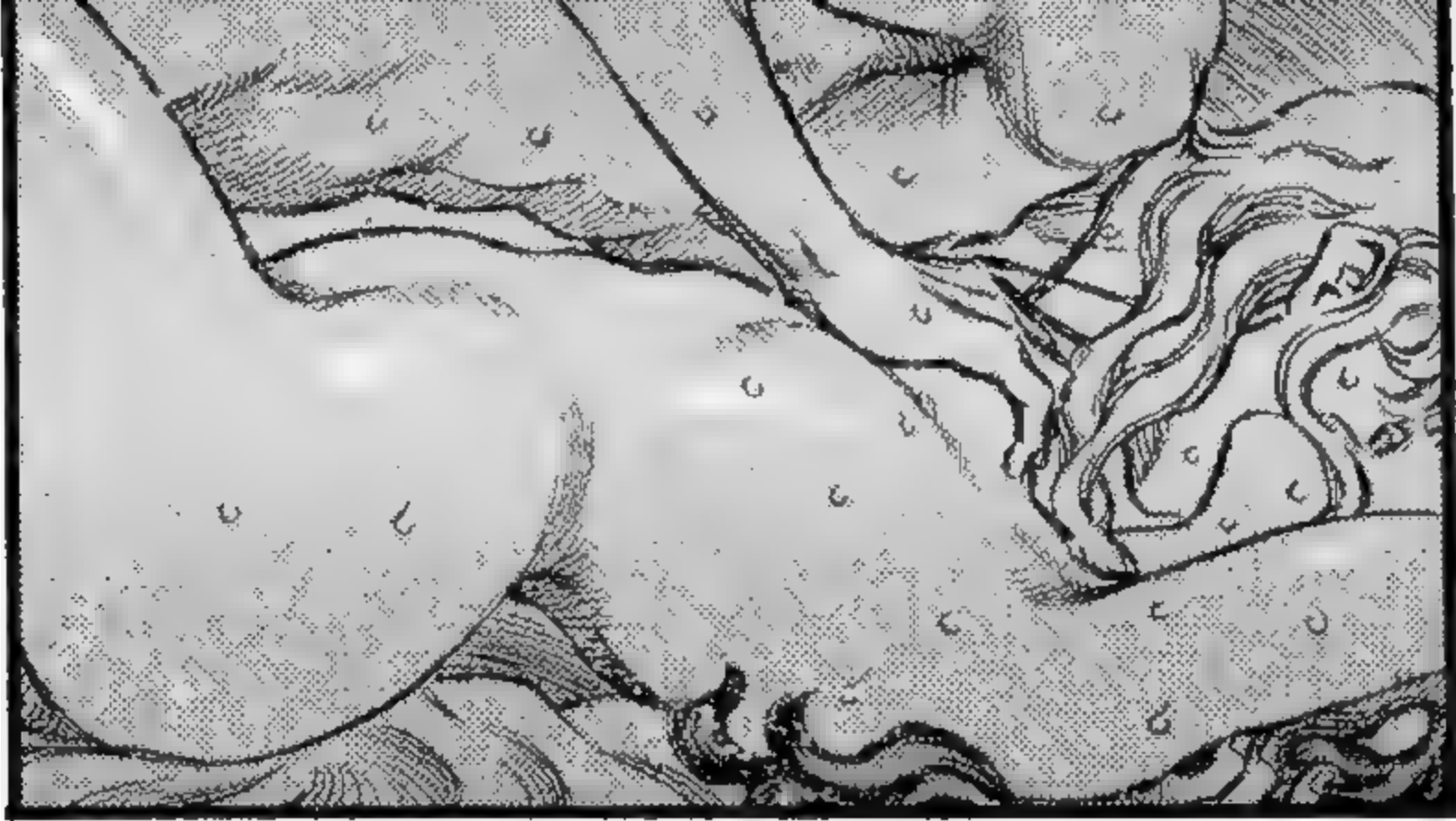


...AND
CAST
THEM
INTO
THE
FIRE.

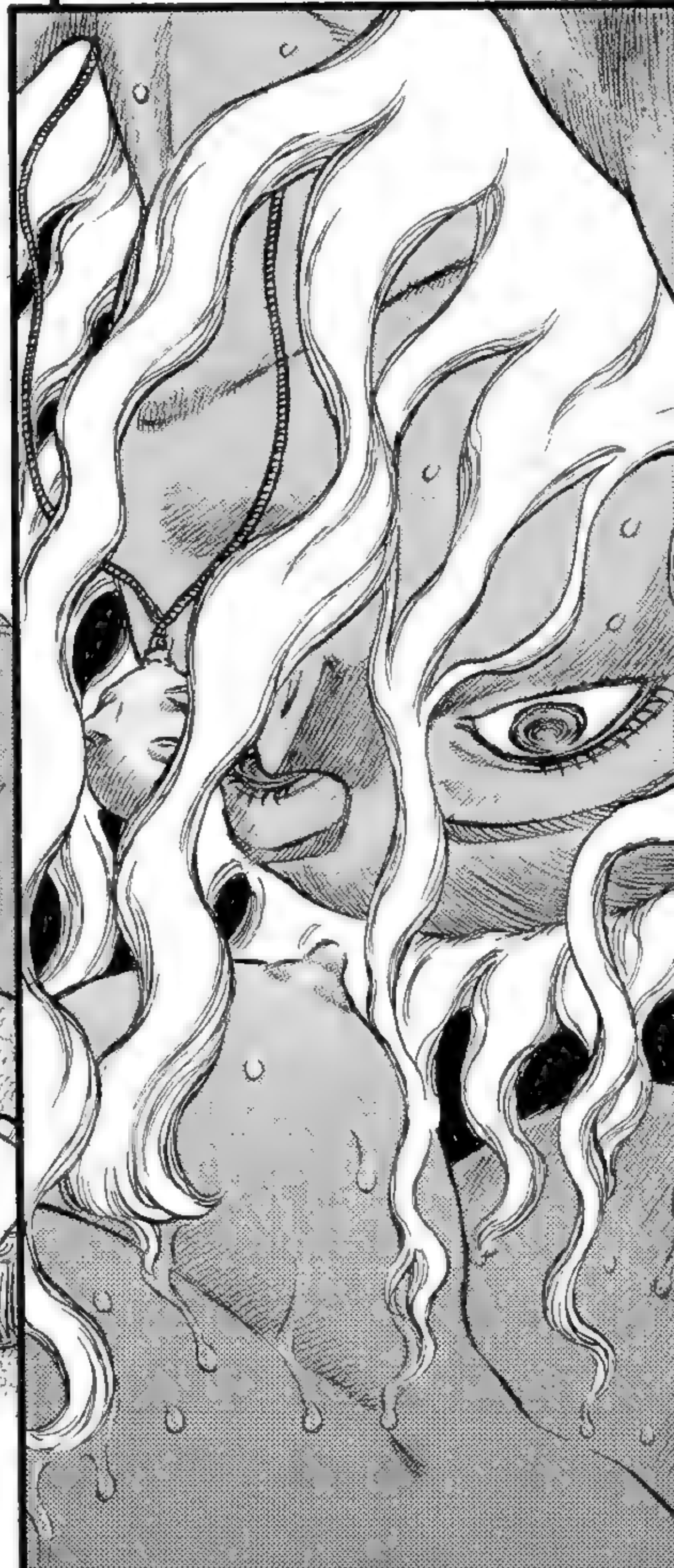
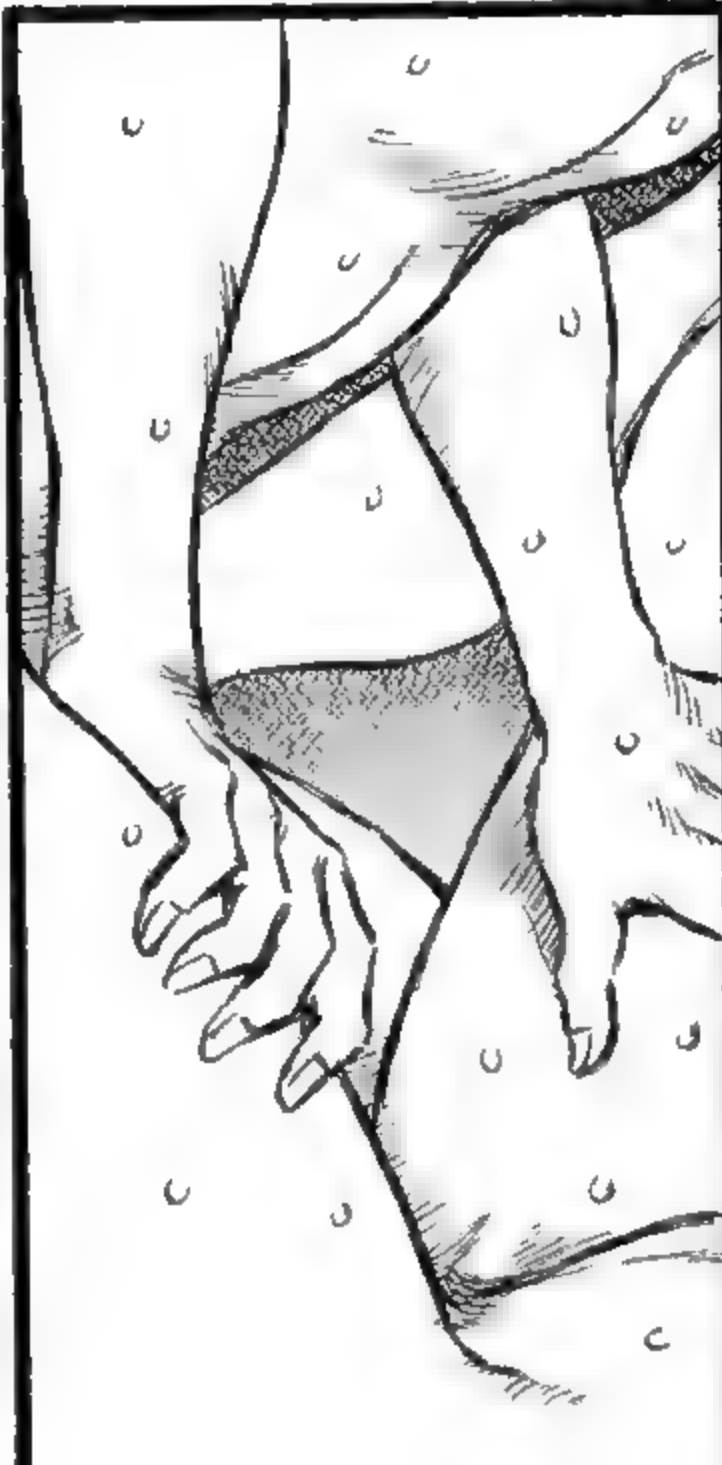






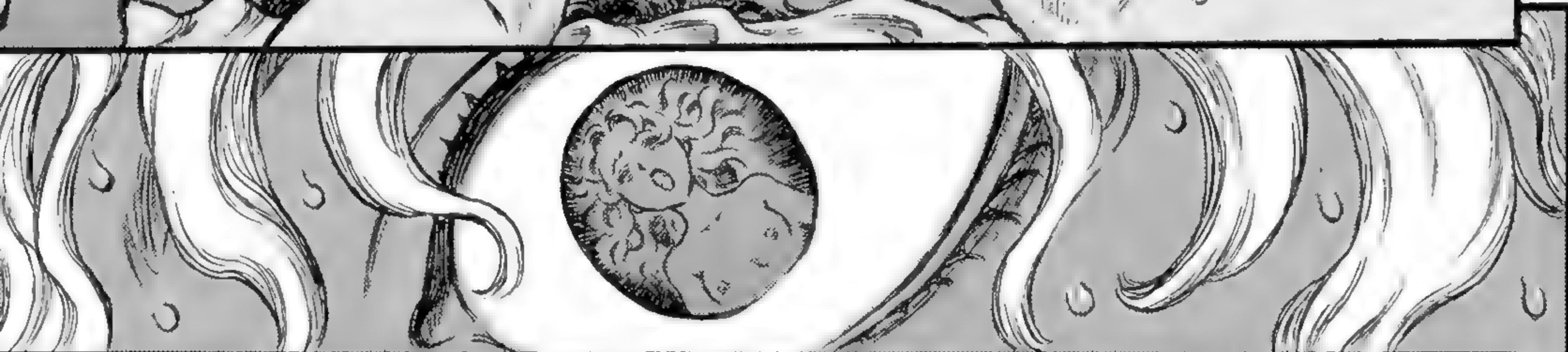
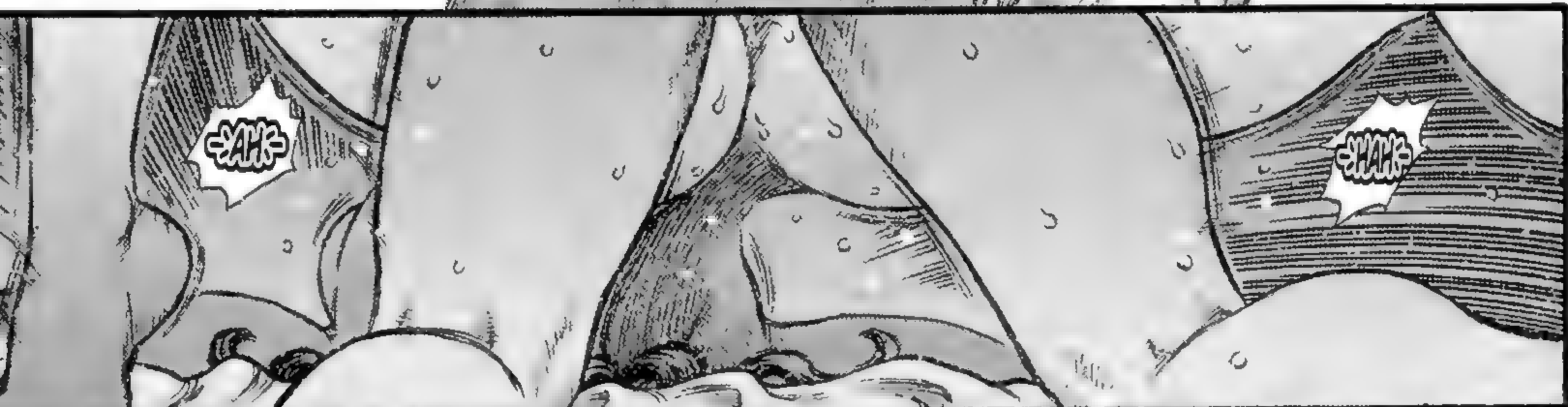


YOU
BELIEVE
THAT,
DON'T
YOU?

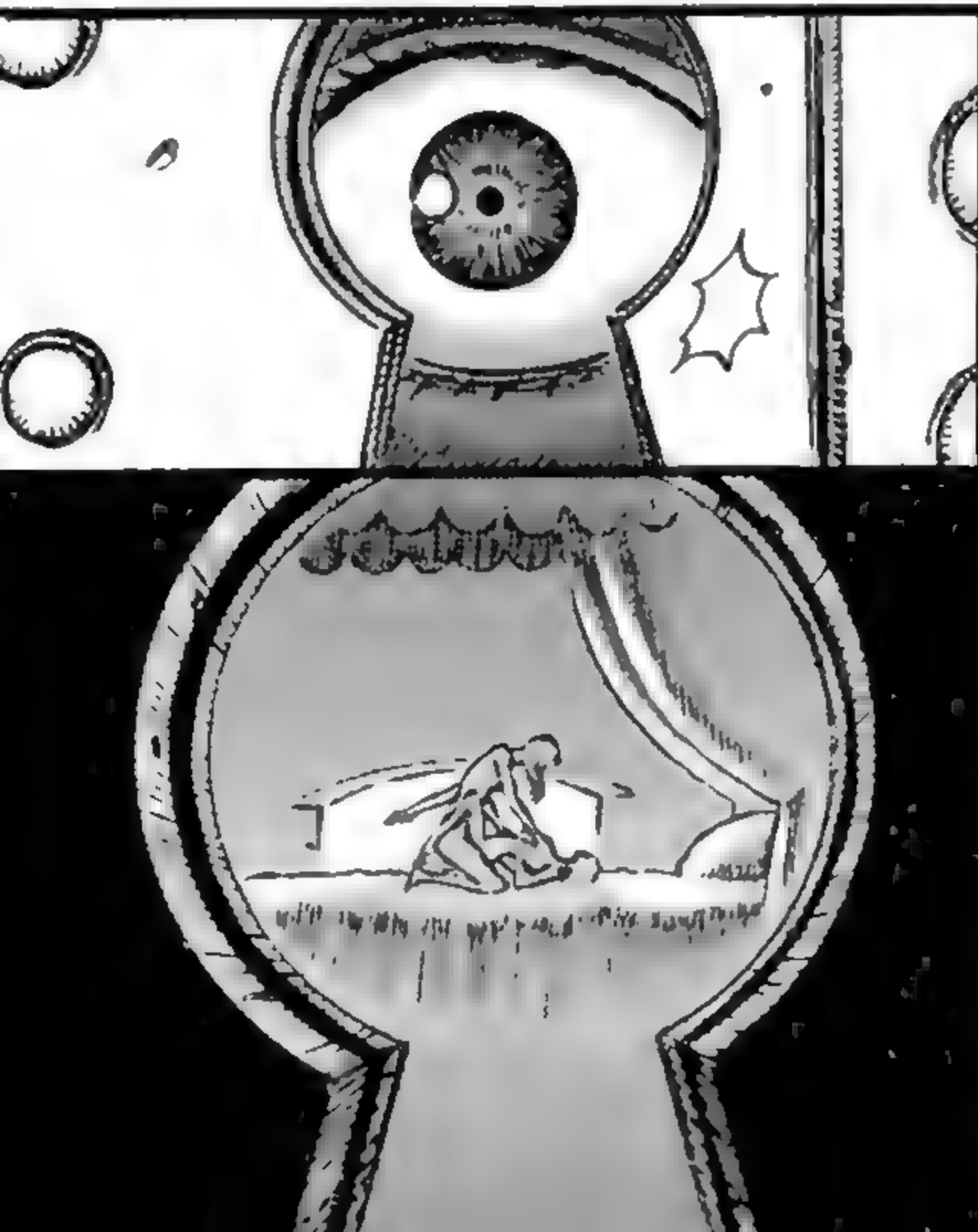




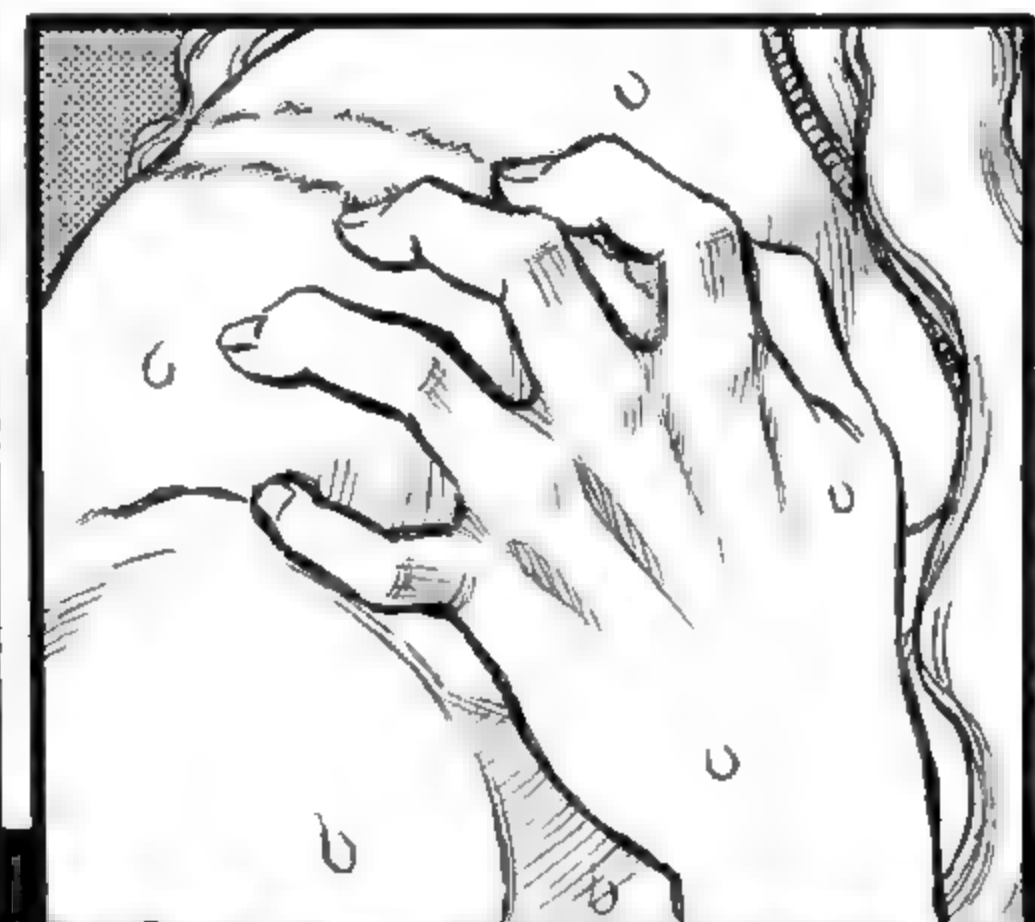
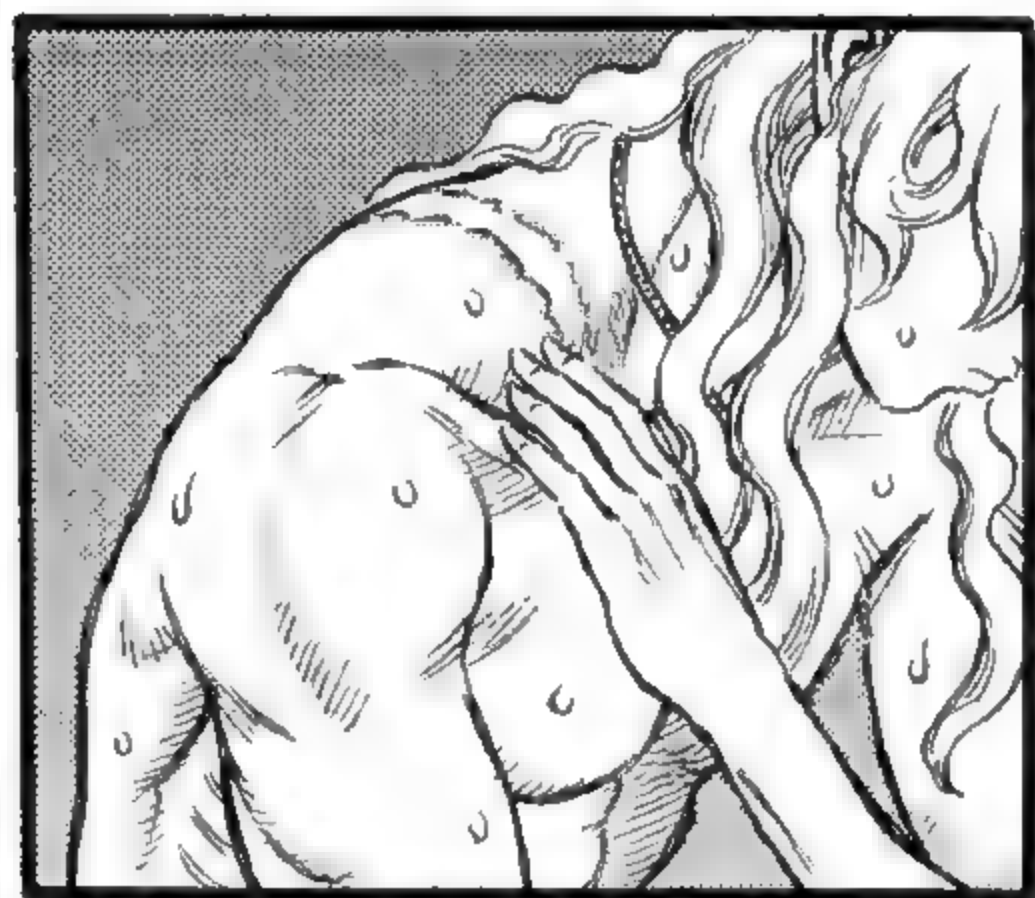
TAKE
CARE.

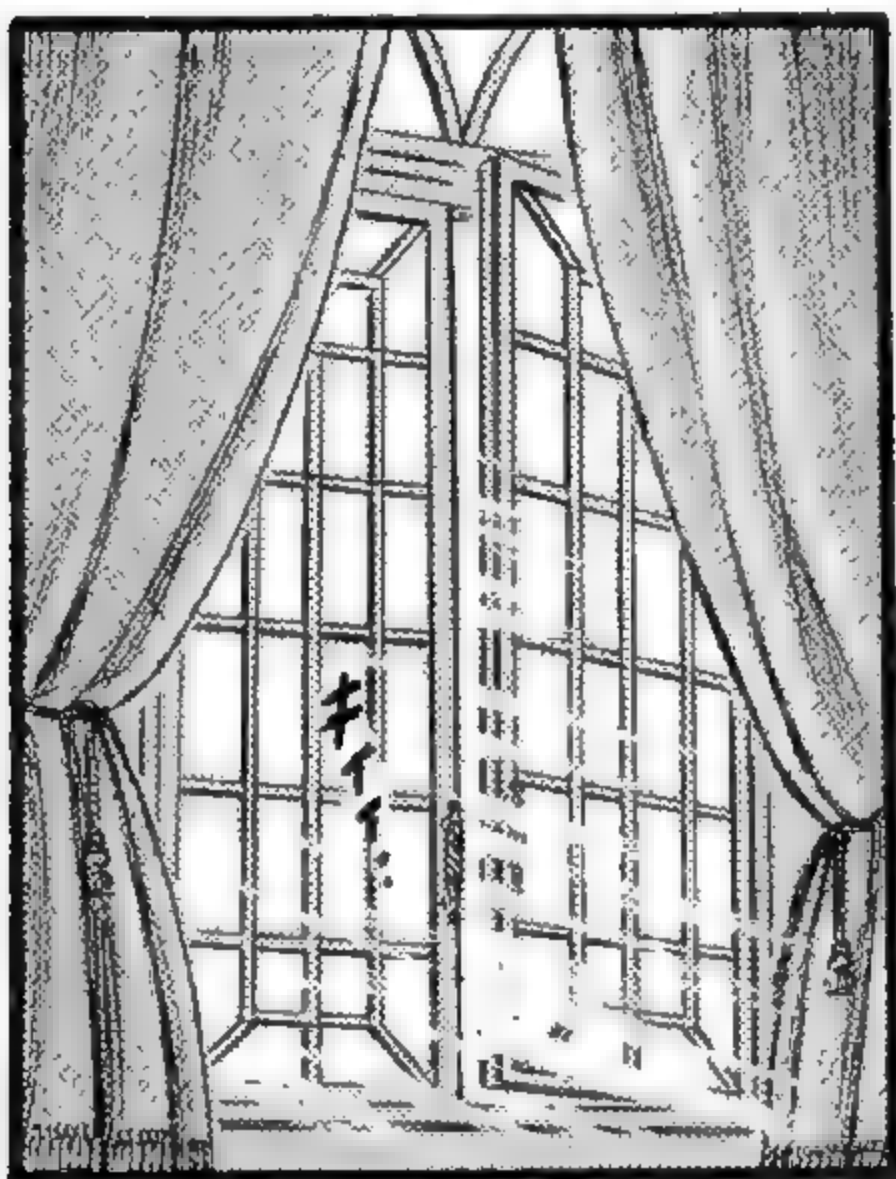
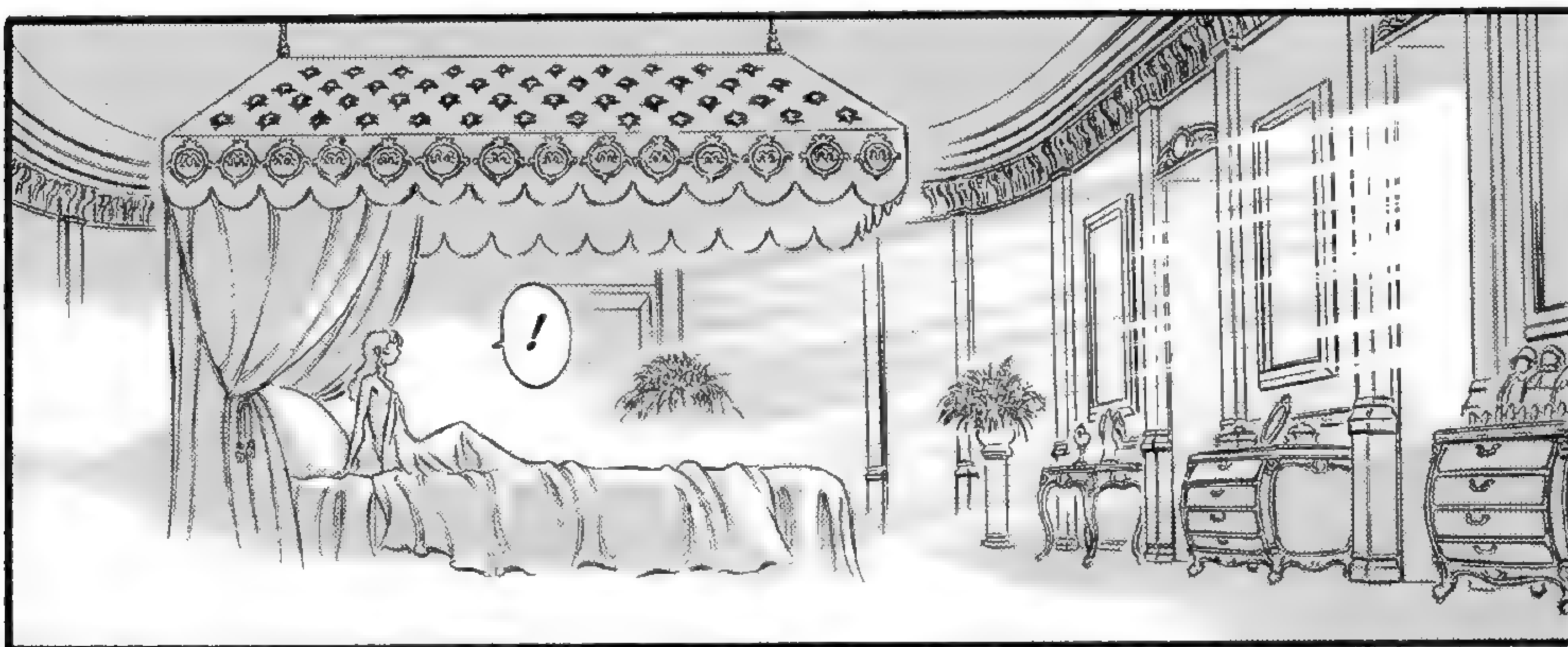
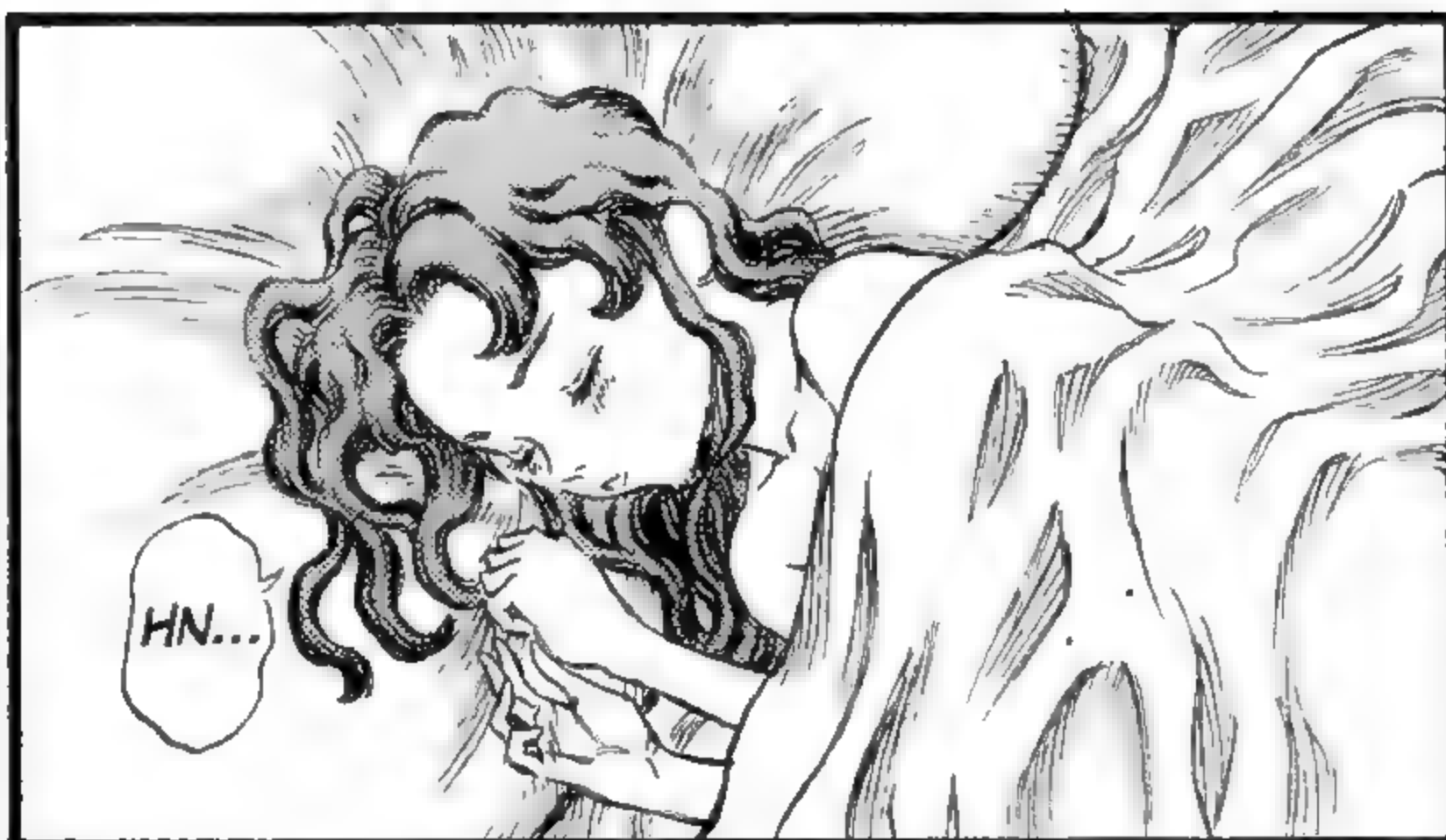
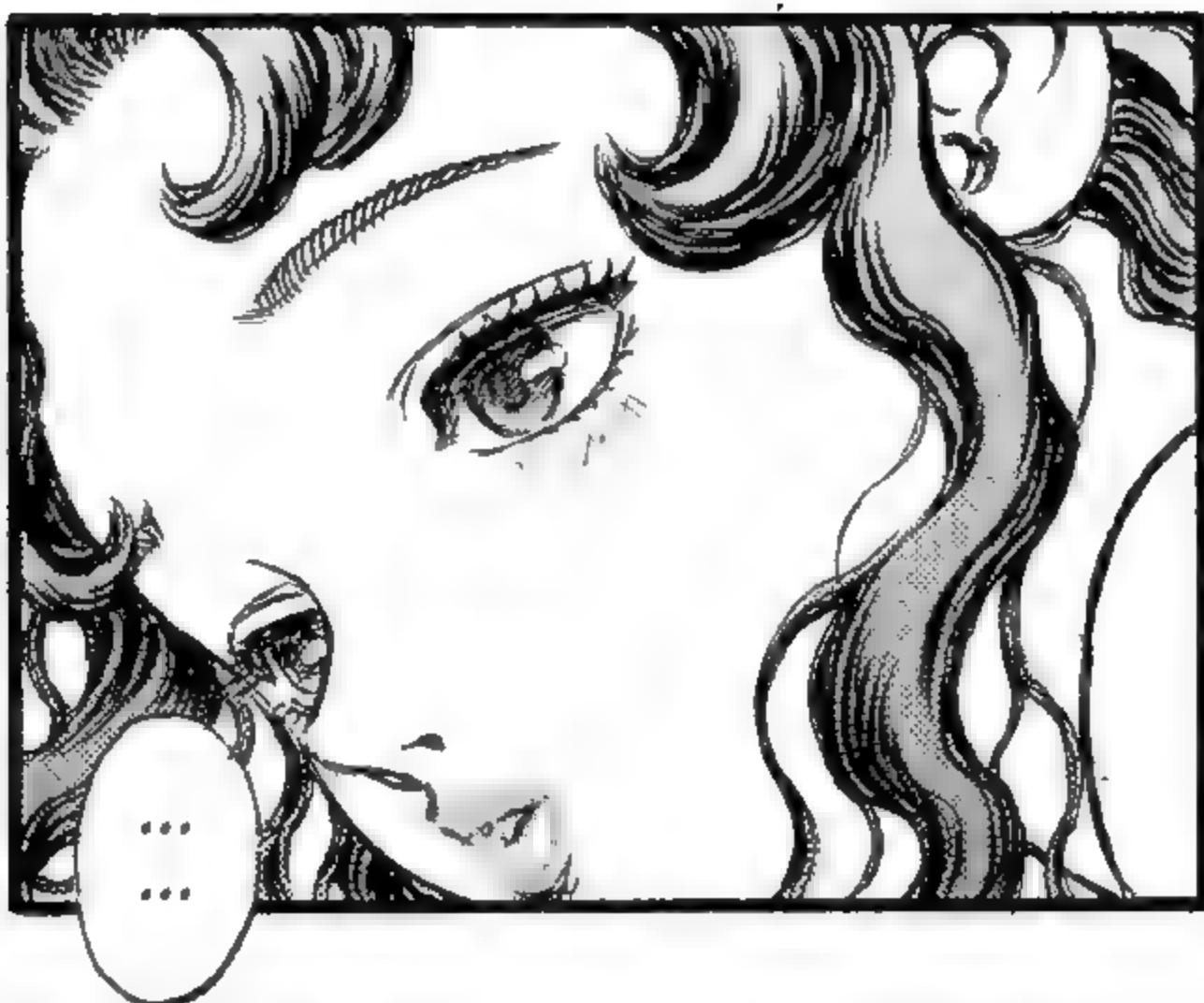


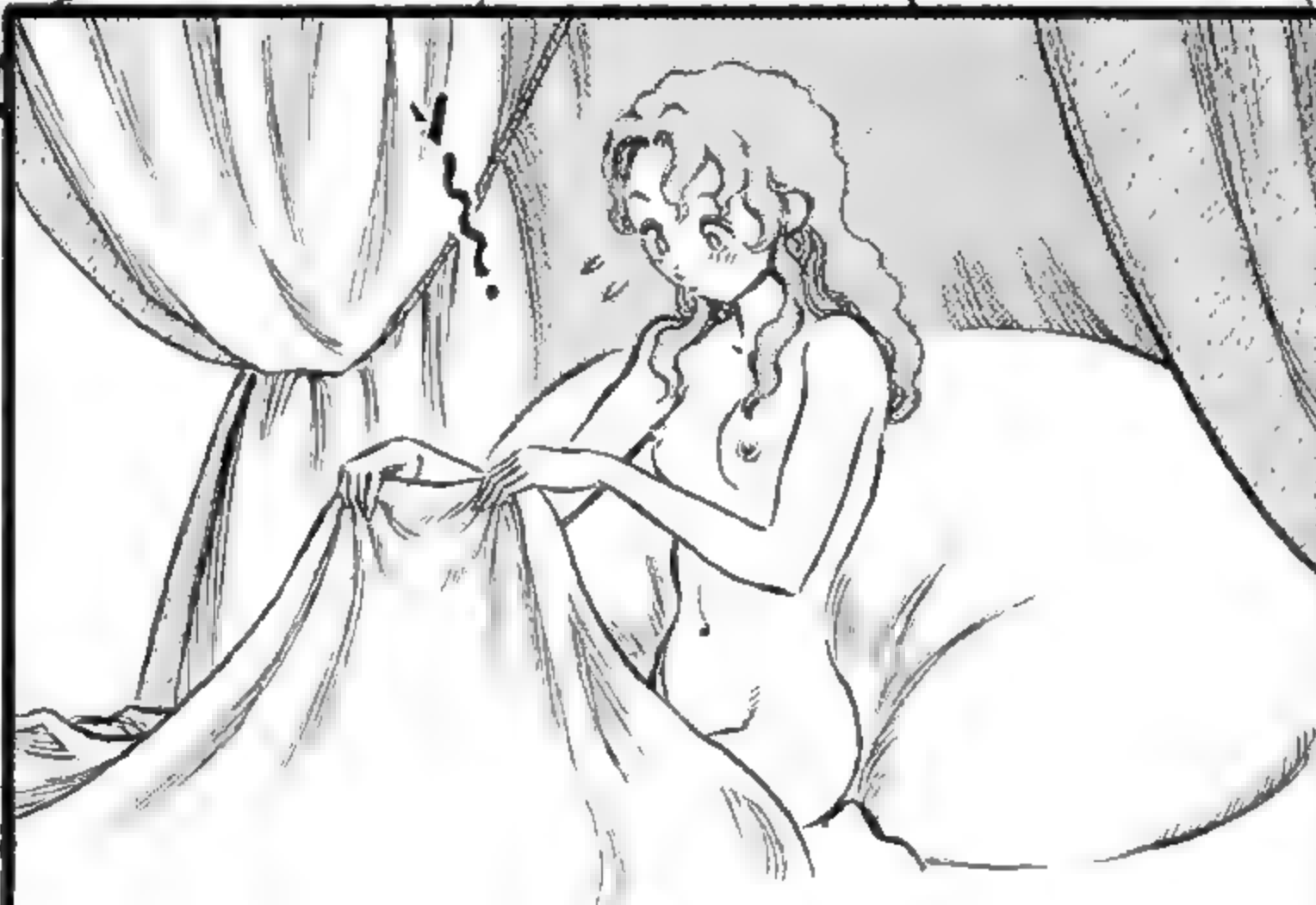
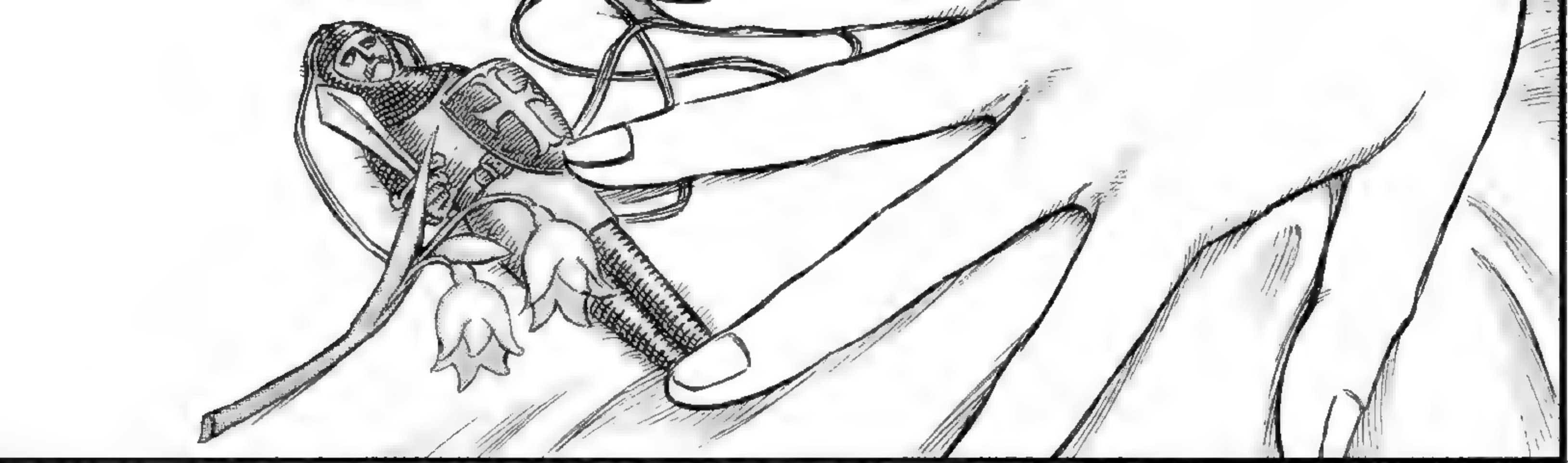


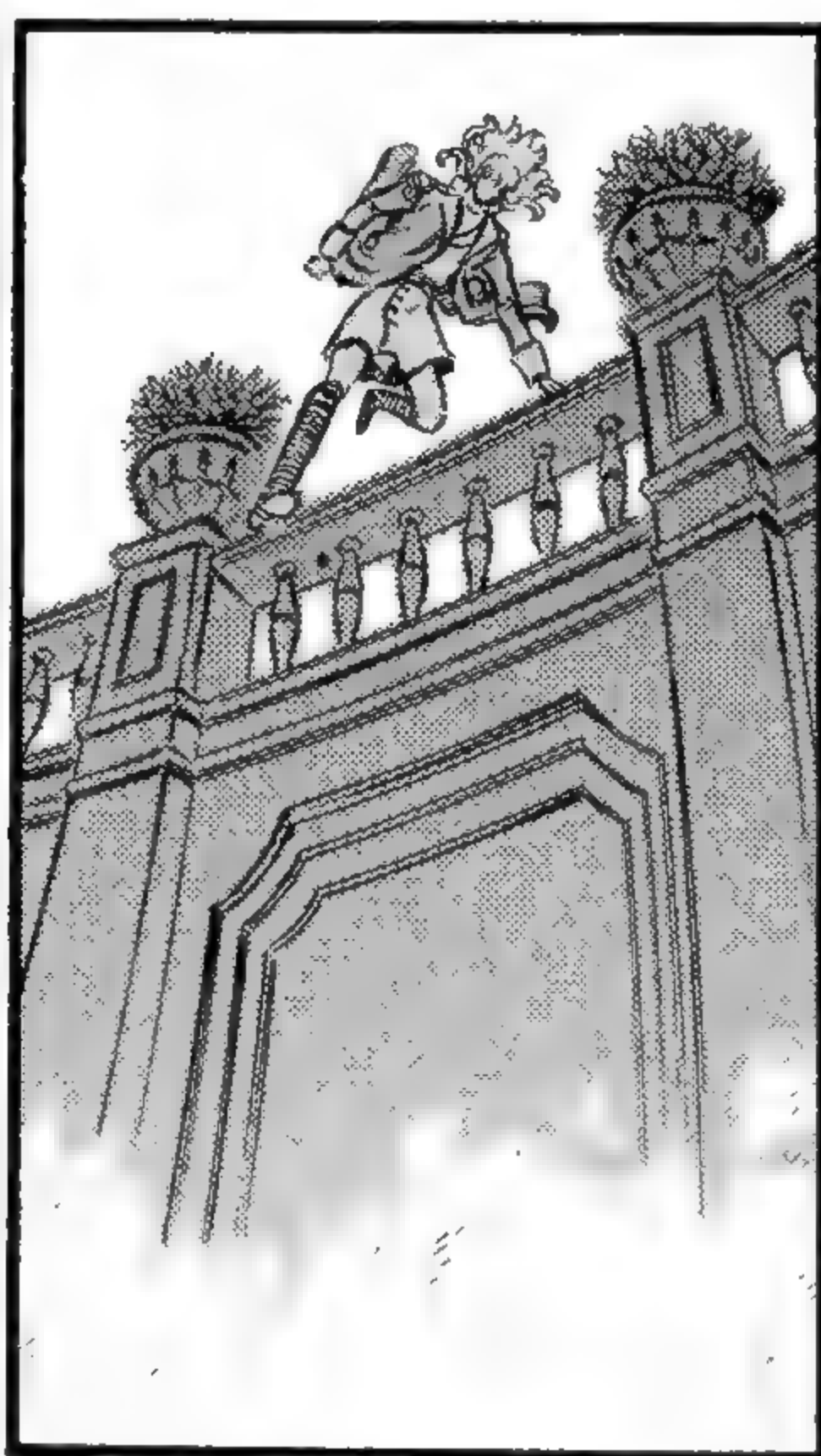
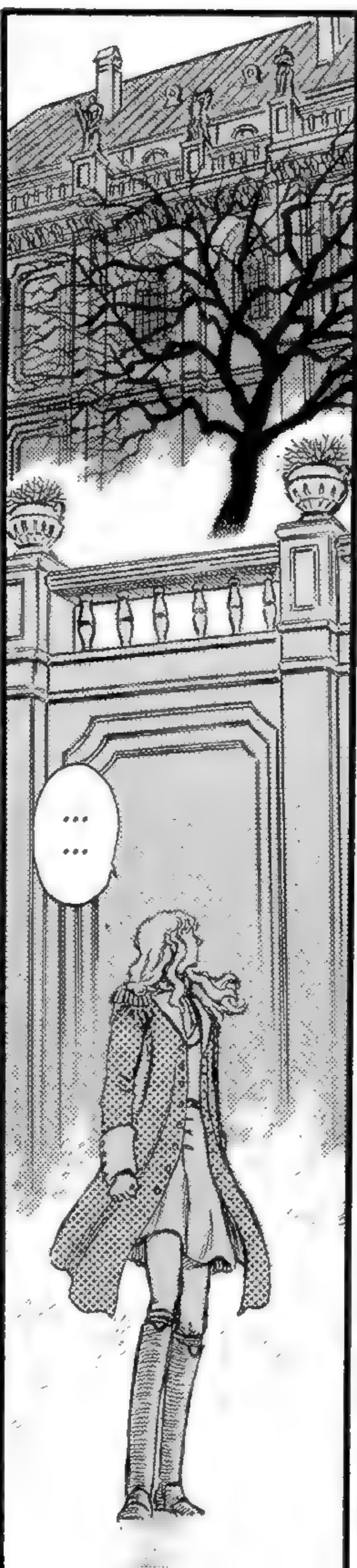
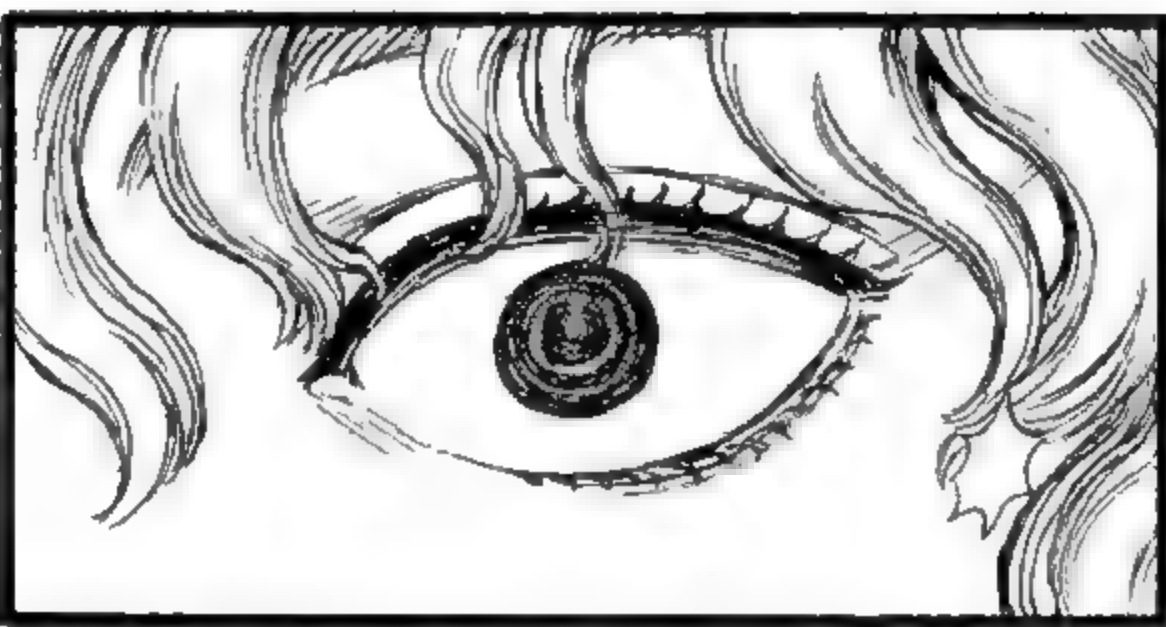
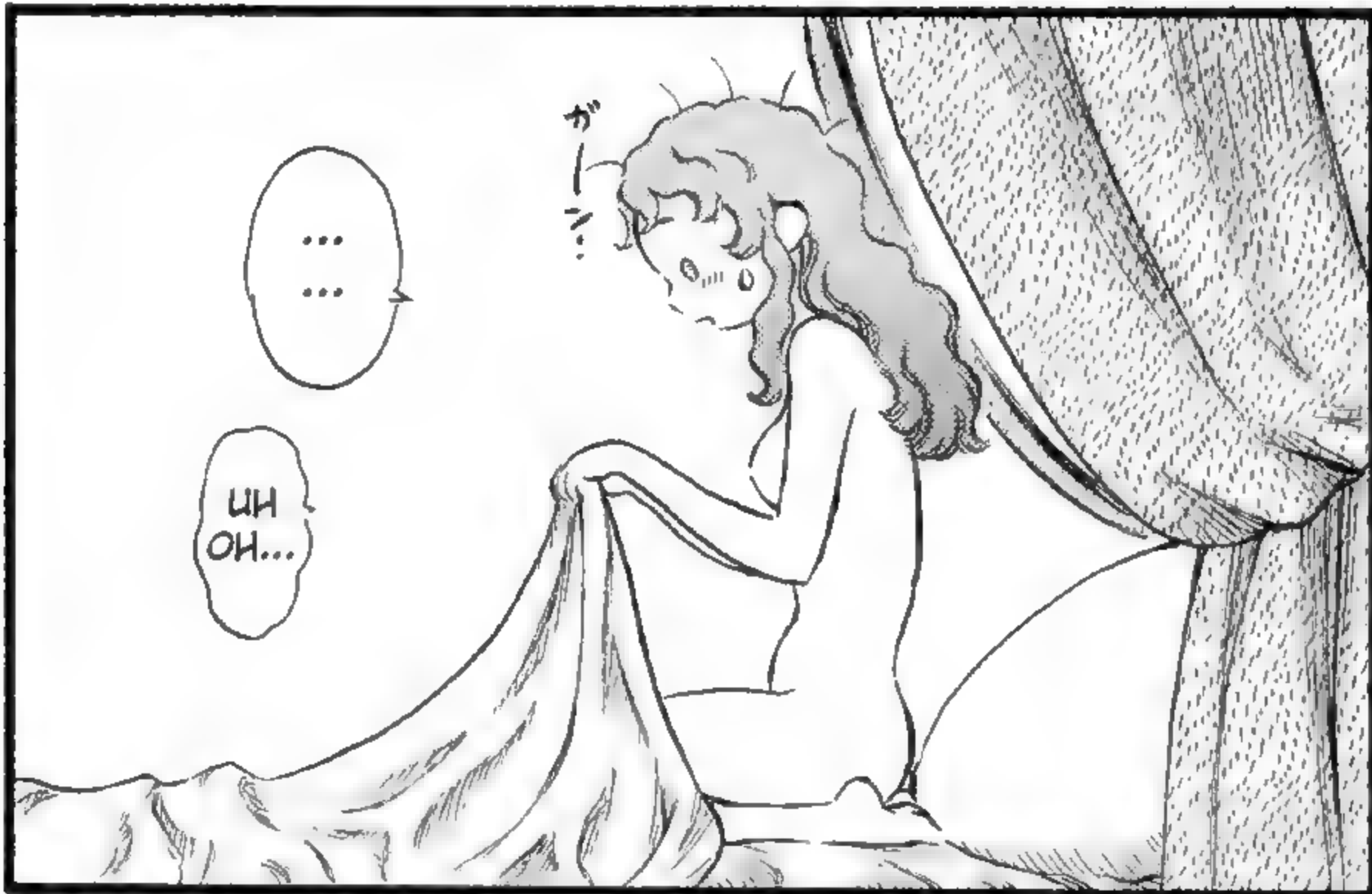












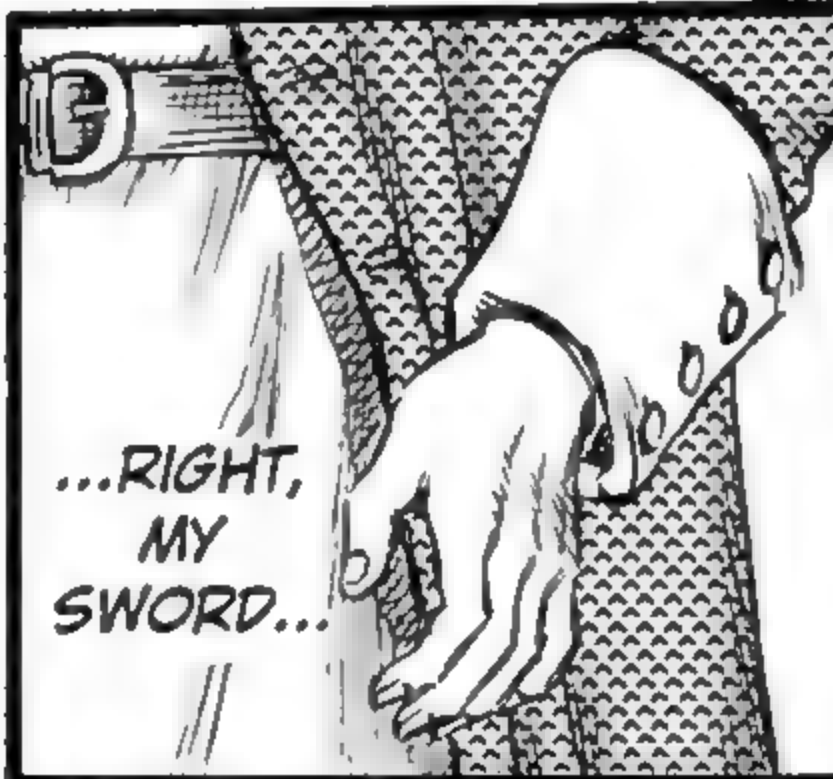




...SNEAKING
OUT OF THE
PALACE
AT THIS
HOUR...?

WHY ON
EARTH
IS THE
WHITE
HAWK...

WELL, WELL...
IF IT ISN'T HIS
EXCELLENCY,
THE FUTURE
WHITE
PHOENIX
GENERAL.



...RIGHT,
MY
SWORD...

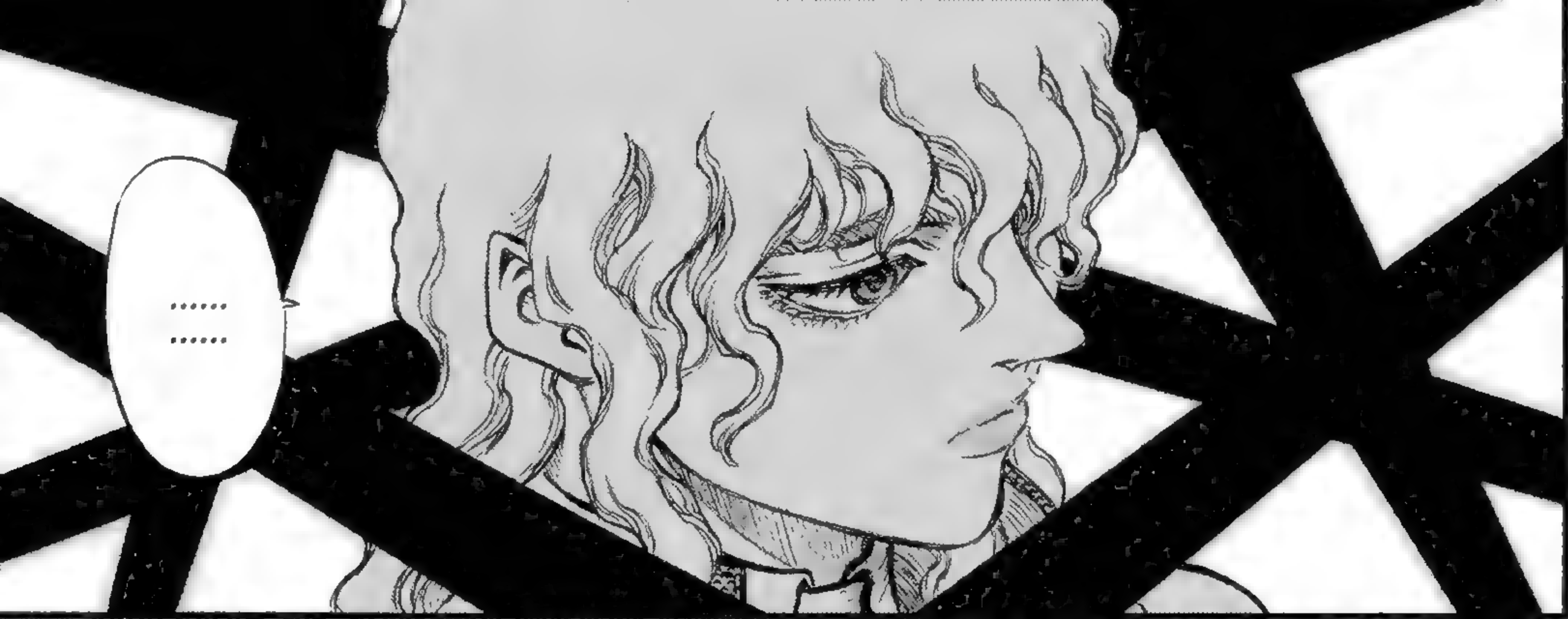


CIRCUMSTANCES
PENDING, YOU MAY
HAVE COMMITTED
TREASON AGAINST
MIDLAND'S ROYAL
HOUSE.

NO DOUBT
THE DETAILS
WILL BE
DETERMINED
WITHOUT
HASTE
LATER.



TAKE
HIM
AWAY!!



I BEG
YOU...
WAIT,
YOUR
MAJESTY!

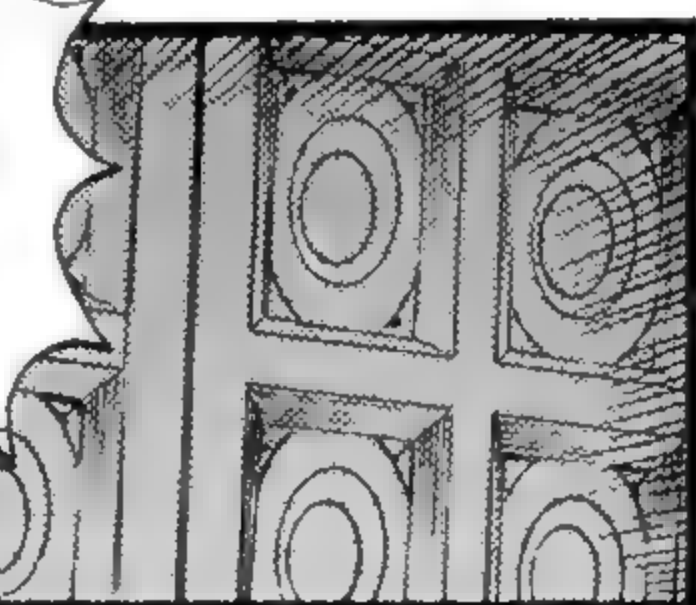


IN ANY CASE, THIS IS THE
WORD OF AN INEXPERIENCED
COURT LADY! PERHAPS SHE
MISTOOK WHAT SHE
SAW
IN
THE
DARK!

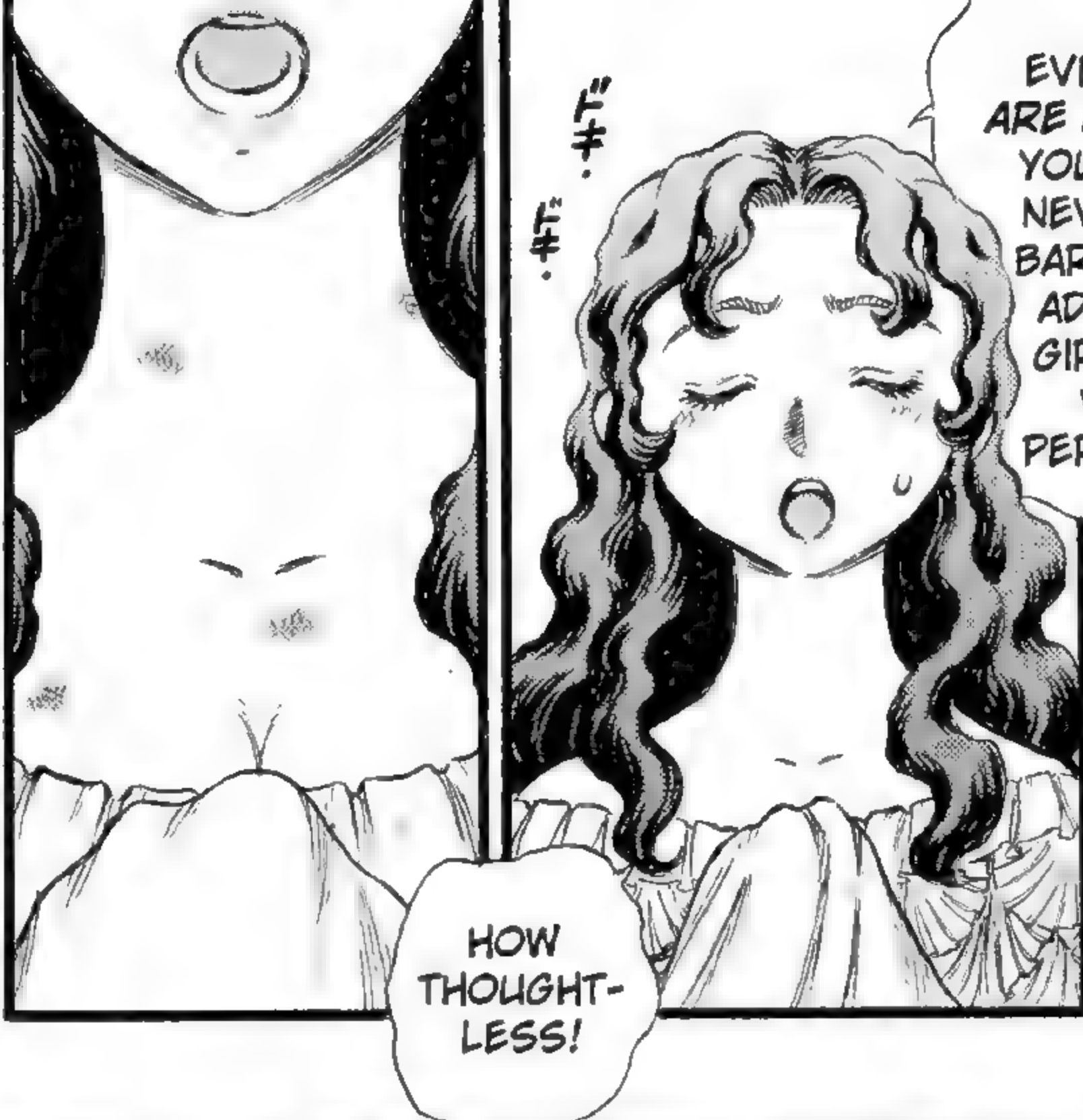
TO
SUSPECT
HER
HIGHNESS
BASED ON
THAT...



S
I
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N
C
E
!!

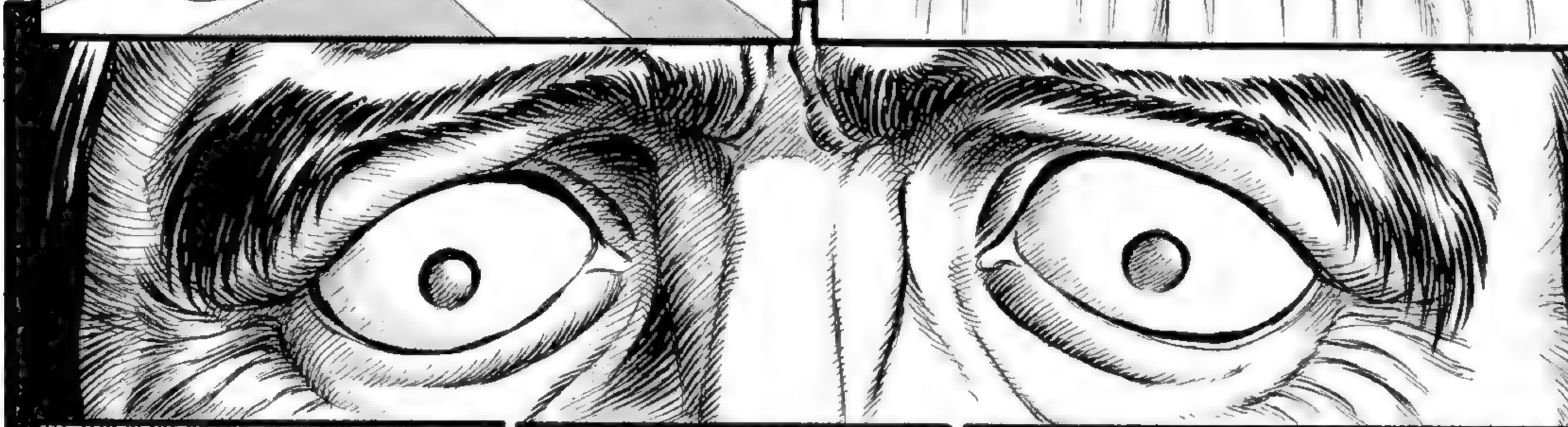
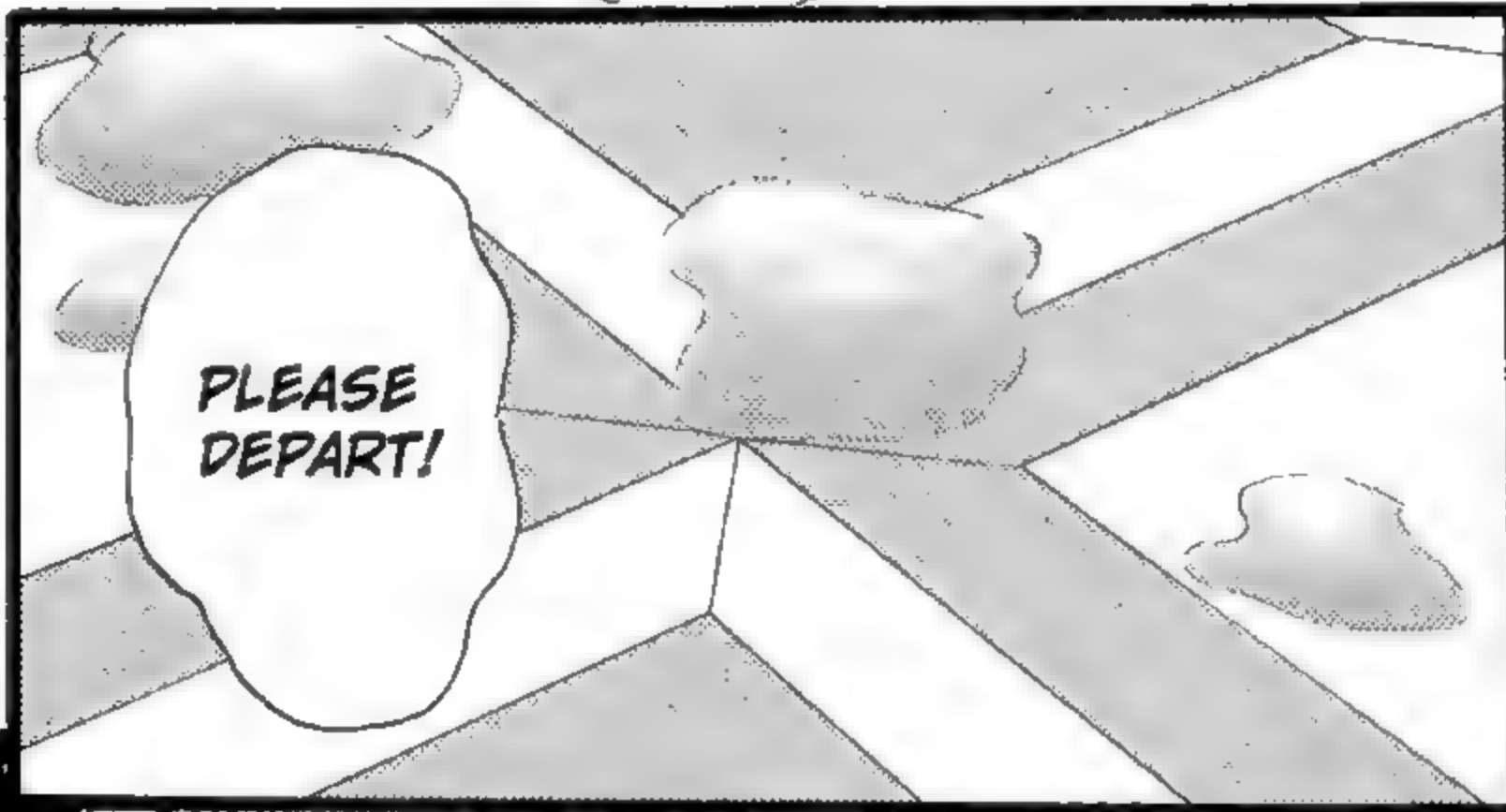


FATHER.



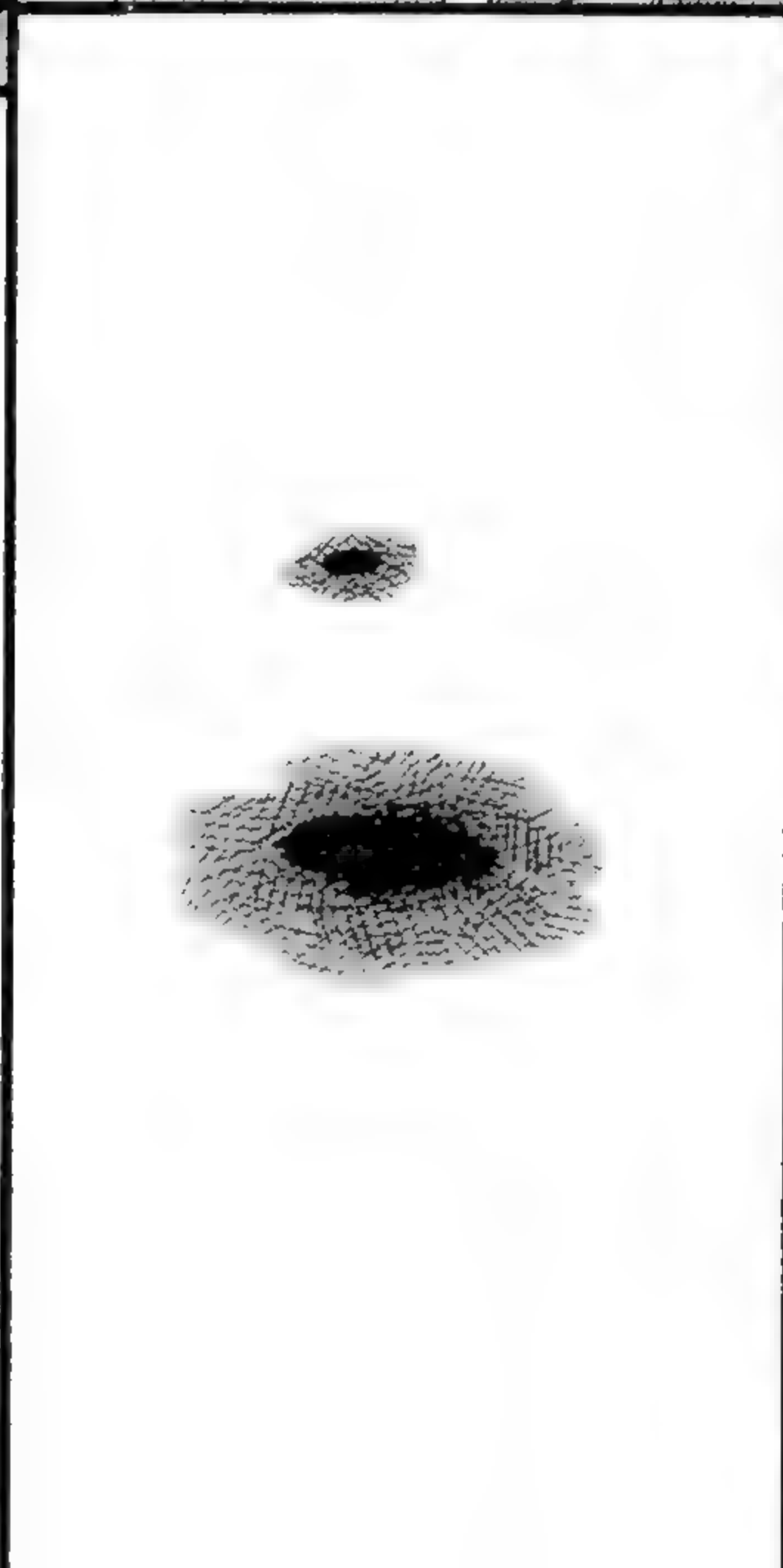
ドキ.
ドキ.
EVEN IF YOU
ARE MY FATHER,
YOU SHOULD
NEVER JUST
BARGE INTO AN
ADOLESCENT
GIRL'S ROOM
WITHOUT
PERMISSION...

WH-
WHATEVER IS
THE MATTER?
COMING HERE
SO EARLY...



...FATHER?







START OF THE EVERLASTING NIGHT: END



天竺山

THE
FALLEN
HAWK

お鷹が落ちた



GRIFFITH...



...
...

...BUT THAT THE STRESS SHOULD INSTEAD BE PLACED ON HIS ACTIONS AND USE OF RESOURCES.

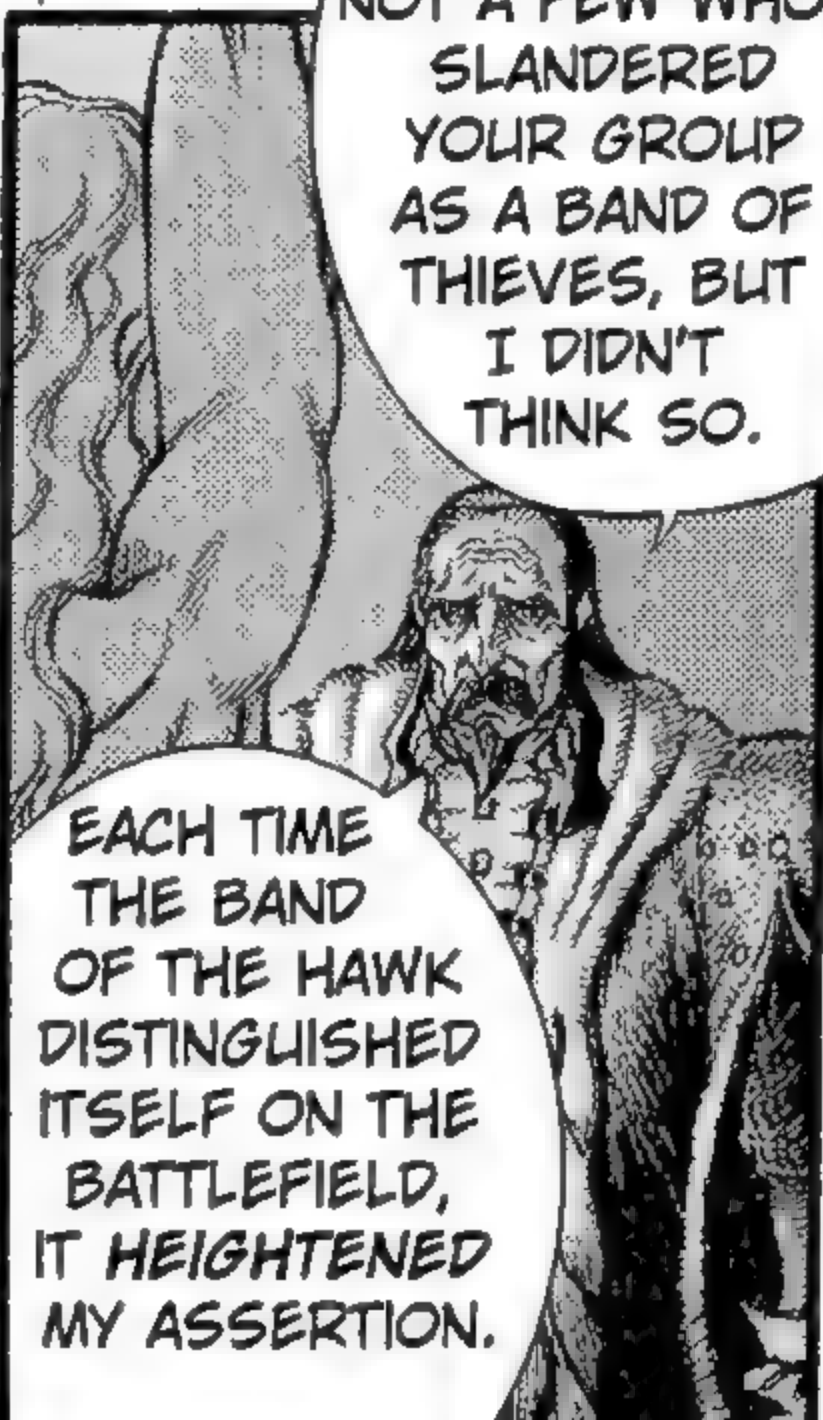
FOR SOME TIME I'VE HELD THAT A KNIGHT'S MERIT IS NOT DERIVED FROM LINEAGE OR SOCIAL POSITION ...

THERE WERE NOT A FEW WHO SLANDERED YOUR GROUP AS A BAND OF THIEVES, BUT I DIDN'T THINK SO.

EACH TIME THE BAND OF THE HAWK DISTINGUISHED ITSELF ON THE BATTLEFIELD, IT HEIGHTENED MY ASSERTION.

THOSE WORDS I SAID TO YOU THEN, WERE NO FICTION.

IT HAD BEEN MY GREAT HOPE THAT SOMEDAY YOU WOULD HAVE SHOULDERED A LARGE PART OF MIDLAND'S ARMY AS A MILITARY GENIUS.





HOW-
EVER
...!!



WAS YOUR
COMMON
BLOOD
NOT GOOD
ENOUGH?!

A THIEF
IS STILL
A THIEF!!



.....
.....

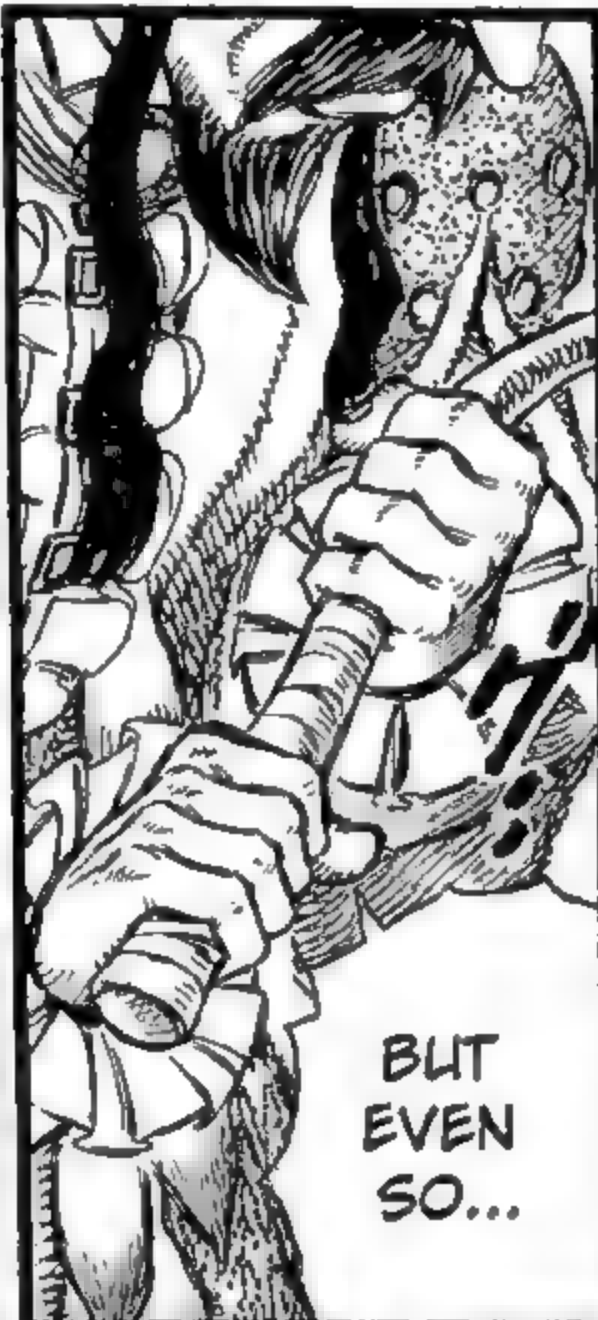
...BEHAVES WITH THE
RASHNESS OF SOME
TOWNSGIRL... HER
FRIVOLITY IS
EXCESSIVE...

THE
PRIN-
CESS
OF A KING-
DOM...



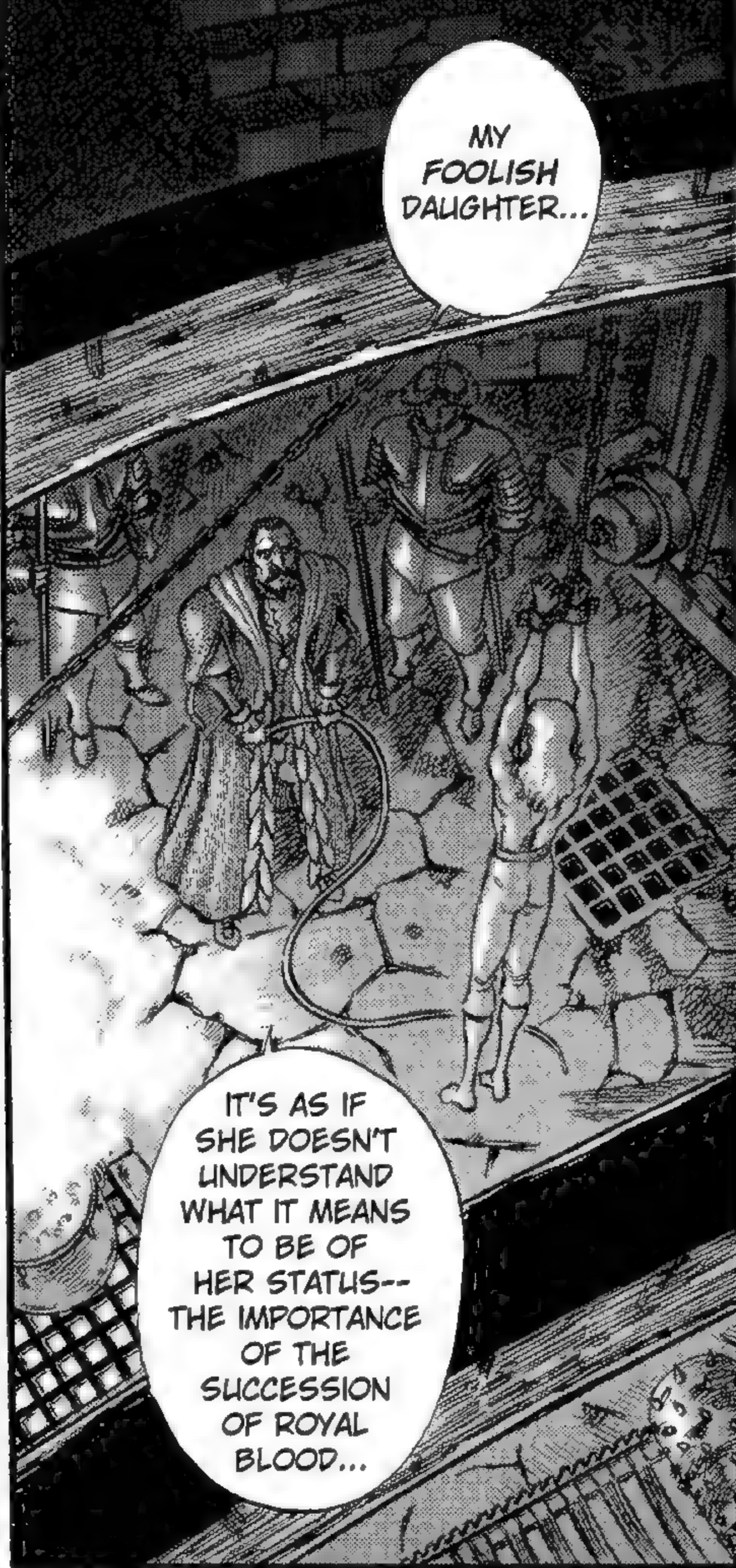
...FOOLISH
FRIVOLOUS
GIRL...

EVEN
THAT...



BUT
EVEN
SO...

MY
FOOLISH
DAUGHTER...



IT'S AS IF
SHE DOESN'T
UNDERSTAND
WHAT IT MEANS
TO BE OF
HER STATUS--
THE IMPORTANCE
OF THE
SUCCESSION
OF ROYAL
BLOOD...

I
WOULD GIVE
MYSELF...
EVEN THIS
KINGDOM IN
EXCHANGE
FOR HER!!

...IS
EVERY-
THING
TO
ME...!!

**SHE'S
MY
WHOLE
LIFE!!**



AFTER HOW MANY
DECADES OF WAR
AND HOW MANY
TENS OF THOUSANDS
OF CORPSES,
WE'VE FINALLY
BUILT A TIME
OF REMEMBERED
PEACE, BUT IT'S
ONLY FOR AN
INSTANT!!

WARS RAGE
ON AND THE
PEOPLE'S LIVES
ARE LOST LIKE
THEY WERE
INSECTS!!

WHAT
VALUE IS
THERE
IN THIS
WORLD?!

ON THE
UNDERSIDE,
THE MONSTER
NAMED WAR
IS ALWAYS
SEEKING
NEW BLOOD,
STARTING TO
BREW ITSELF
ANEW!!

...
BLOOD-
STAINED,
MEANING-
LESS
WORLD...

IN THIS
...

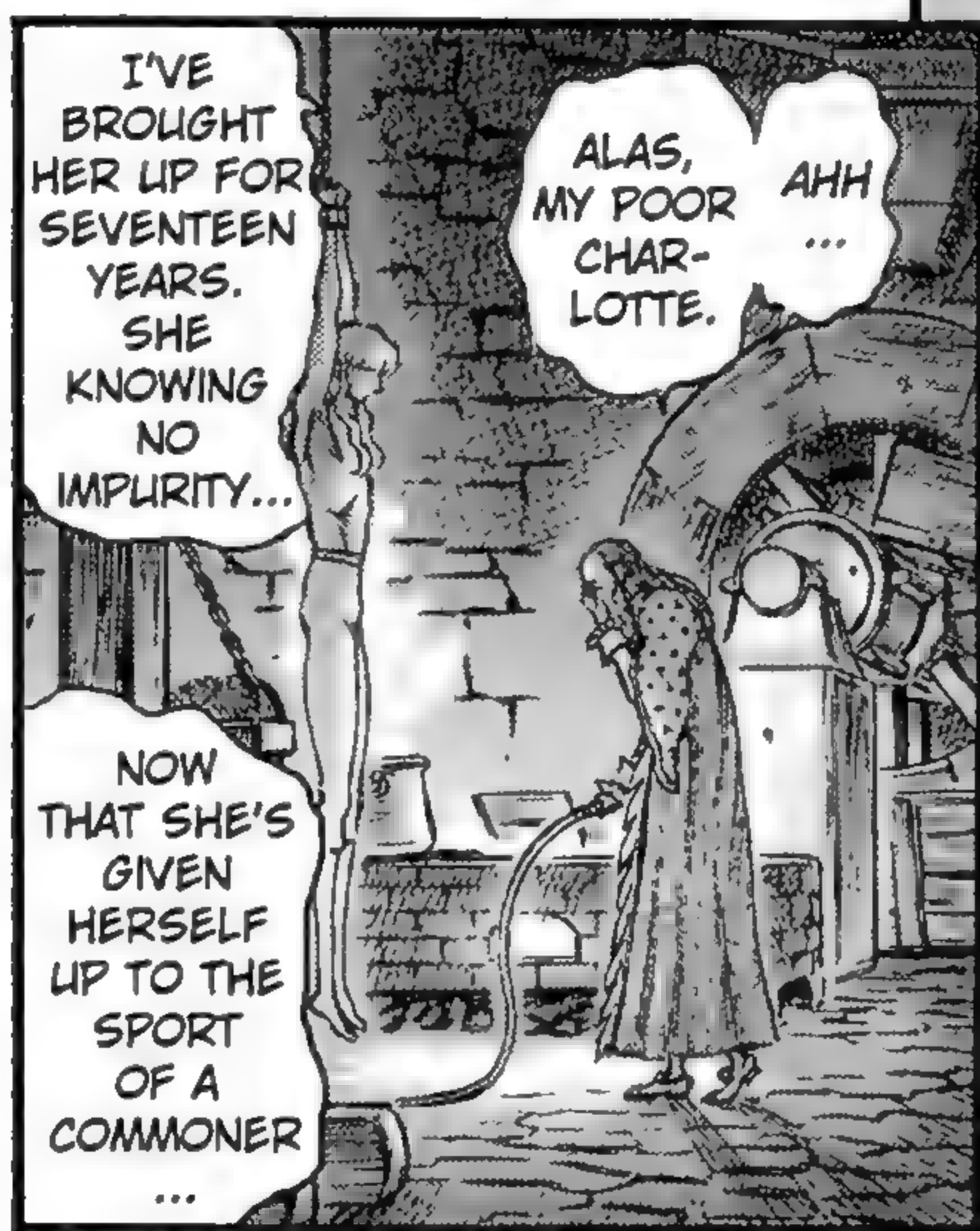
...IF THERE
IS ONE
SINGLE RAY
OF HOPE
TO BE
FOUND...

IN THE
FACE OF
THAT
MONSTER,
THE WILL OF
ONE LAND'S
KING IS
POWER-
LESS!!

THE
WISDOM
OF ONE
MAN IS
FOLLY!!

THERE'S
NO WAY
I CAN
STOP!!

...AND YET,
I CANNOT
CEASE
BEING
KING...!!





...WOULD
HAVE
HAD
HER
YOUR-
SELF?

TO HAVE
BEEN WITH
PRINCESS
CHAR-
LOTTE...

NO...



RATHER
...

...THAT
YOU...



...WANT
HER
TO
HAVE
YOU?

DON'T
YOU...



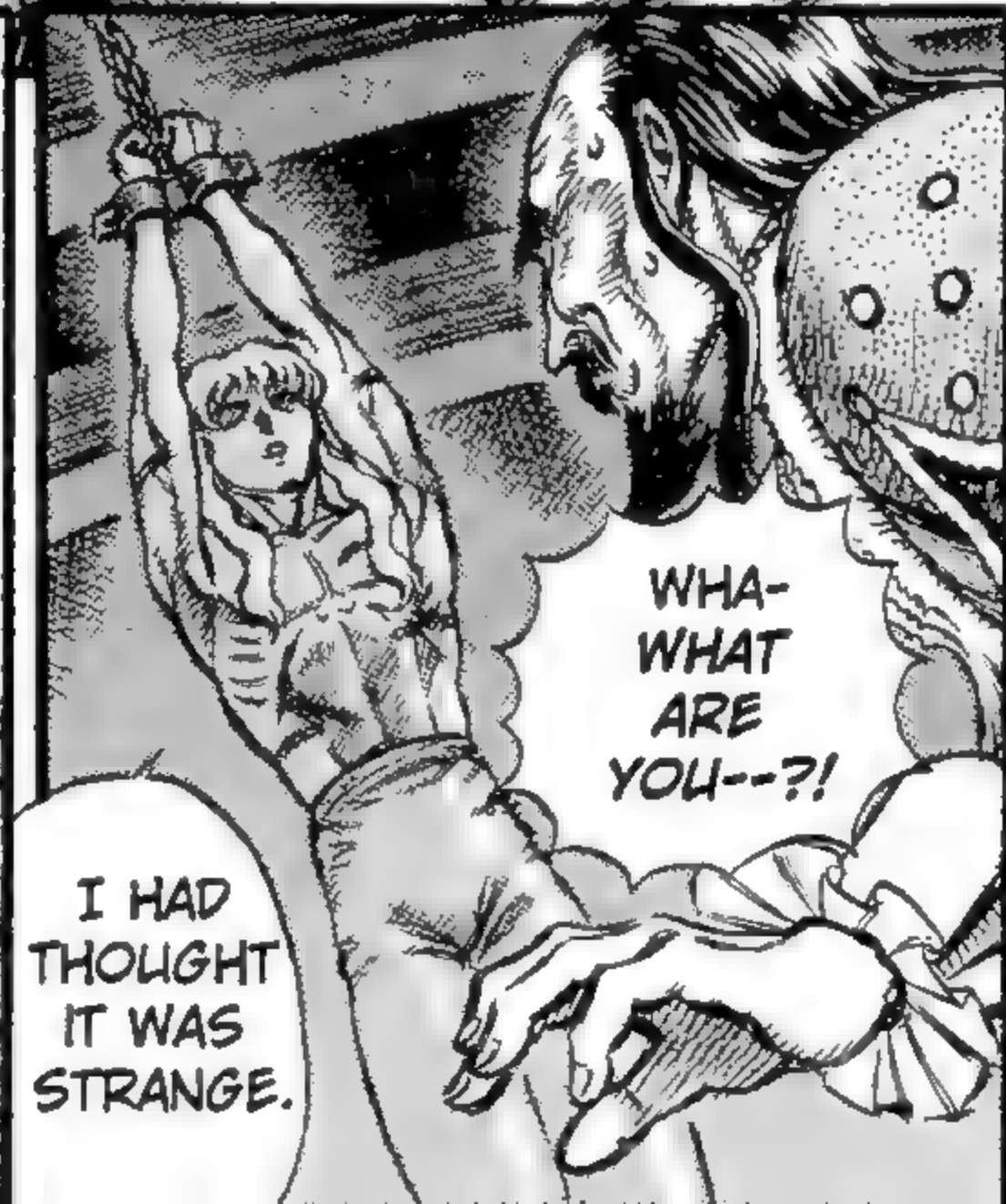
...IS ACTUALLY
NOTHING MORE
THAN A LONELY,
MISERABLE OLD
MAN WHO CAN'T
FIND ANY REASON
TO LIVE BEYOND
HIS BELOVED
SEVENTEEN-
YEAR-
OLD
DAUGH-
TER...

THE GREAT
KING ON
THE THRONE
OF MIDLAND,
ONCE
RENOWNED
WITH MAJESTY
THROUGHOUT
ALL LANDS...



IN PRINCESS
CHARLOTTE'S
SEVENTEEN
YEARS, THERE
MUST HAVE
BEEN MANY
PROFITABLE
PROPOSALS
OF
MARRIAGE
...

RATHER,
POLITICAL
MARRIAGE IS
THE WAY OF
THE WORLD
FOR WARRING
NATIONS...
BUT YOU'VE
REFUSED TO
LET GO OF HER.



WHA-
WHAT
ARE
YOU--?!

I HAD
THOUGHT
IT WAS
STRANGE.



BUT
YOU'VE BY
NO MEANS
TRIED TO
HARNESS
THAT
MONSTER.

YOU'VE
LIVED ON BY
RESIGNING
YOURSELF TO
THE MONSTER
YOU ENVISION.

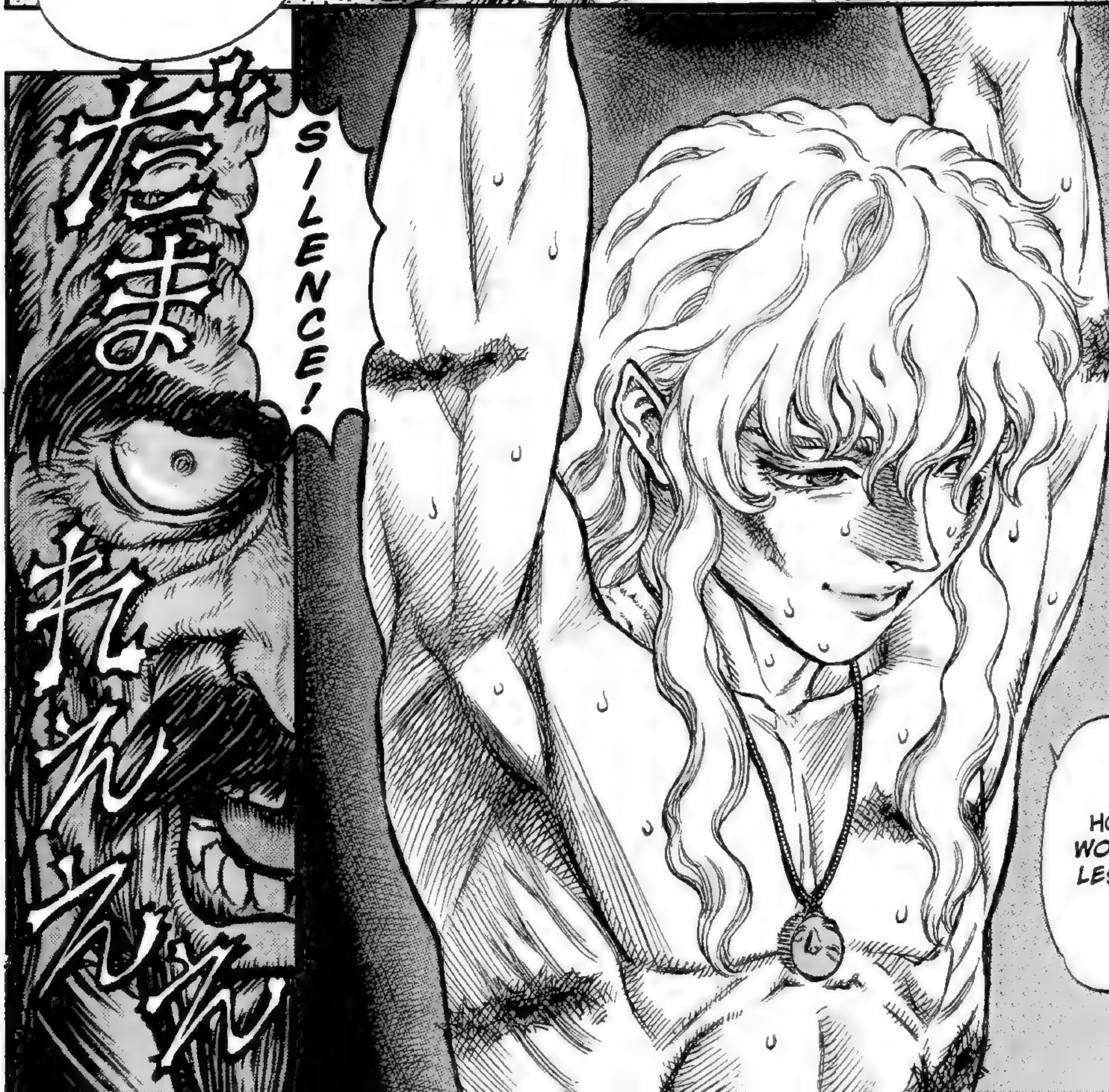


YOU'VE
DONE
NOTHING
MORE THAN
NOT FAIL.

HOW
DARE
YOU...

...IT WAS
NOTHING
MORE THAN
A BURDEN
TO YOU.

WHILE
YOU WERE
BORN TO
THE SWORD
CALLED THE
THRONE AND
HELD IT...



SILENCE!

HOW
WORTH-
LESS...



**BE
SILENT
!!**



WHAT
DO
YOU
KNOW?!



THE LIVES
OF THE PEOPLE,
ALL ON YOUR
SHOULDERS....!!

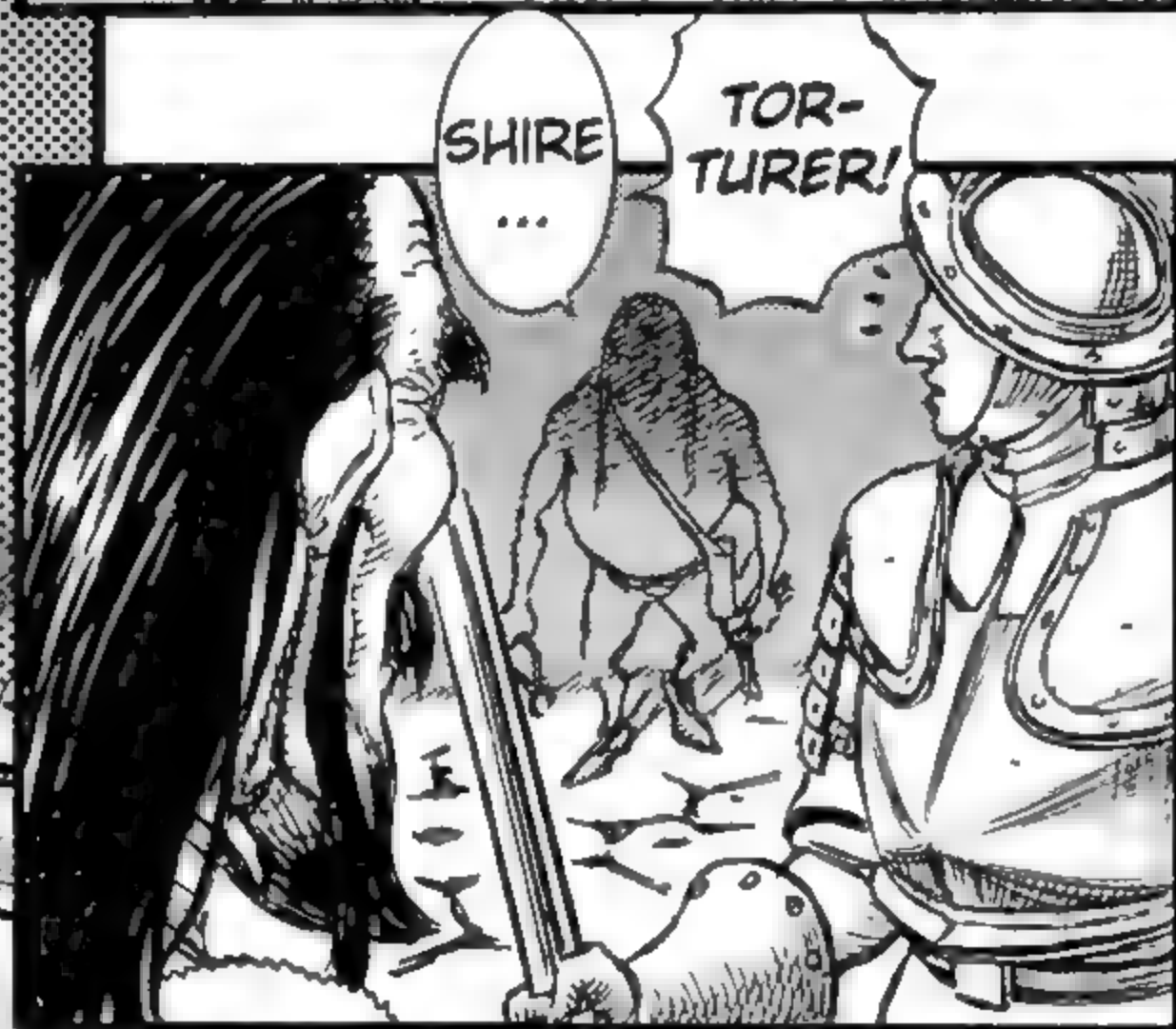
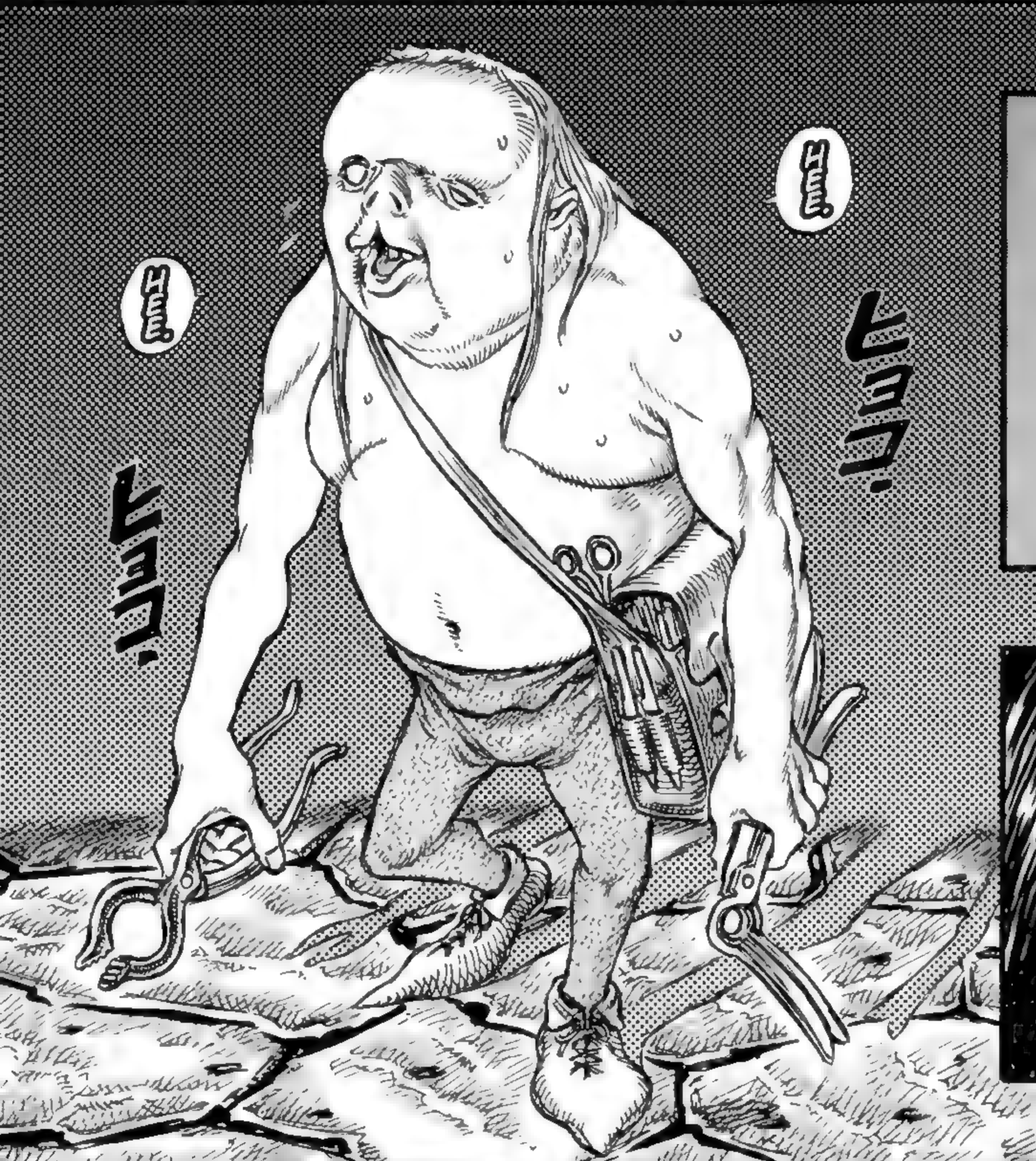
WHAT DOES
A FOOL LIKE
YOU KNOW OF
BEING
KING...?!

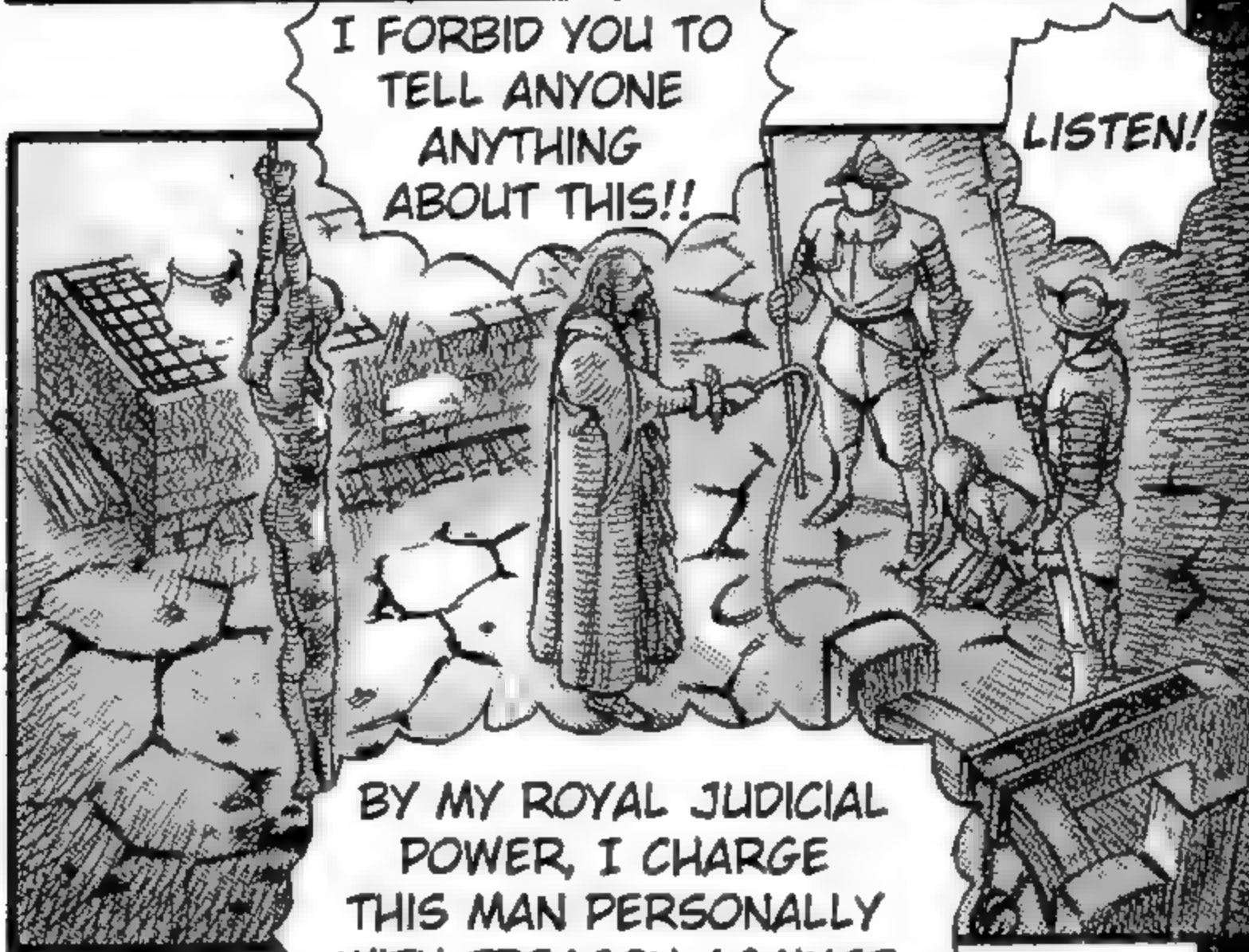
THE
LAND!!
THE
HISTORY!!

WHAT
THE HELL
DO YOU
KNOW?!









...THAT
THE
WHITE
HAWK
OF THE
BATTLE-
FIELD...

IT'S
DIS-
APPOINT-
ING.

...WOULD
DESTROY
HIMSELF
OVER SUCH A
WORTHLESS
MATTER.
I NEVER
WOULD HAVE
GUESSED...

NO,
THIS
MUST
HAVE
BEEN
BECAUSE
YOU'RE
YOUNG...

YOU ARE
YOUNG.
NO DOUBT
YOUR
HEART
BURNED
WITH
DREAMS
AND
AMBITION.

IF YOU
HAD BUT
KNOWN
YOUR PLACE,
YOU MIGHT
POSSIBLY HAVE
ATTAINED
THEM.

THE
HAWK
HAS
FALLEN
TO
EARTH.

...OF
YOUR
DREAMS
...

THIS
IS THE
END...

...YOUR
AMBITION
...

...EVERY-
THING.

IT WILL
NEVER
TAKE
FLIGHT
AGAIN.



UNTIL I SAY OTHERWISE,
NO ONE IS TO COME
NEAR THIS ROOM.

AND
TRIPLE
THE
CURRENT
NUMBER OF
PALACE
GUARDS.

WHERE
IS
CHAR-
LOTTE?

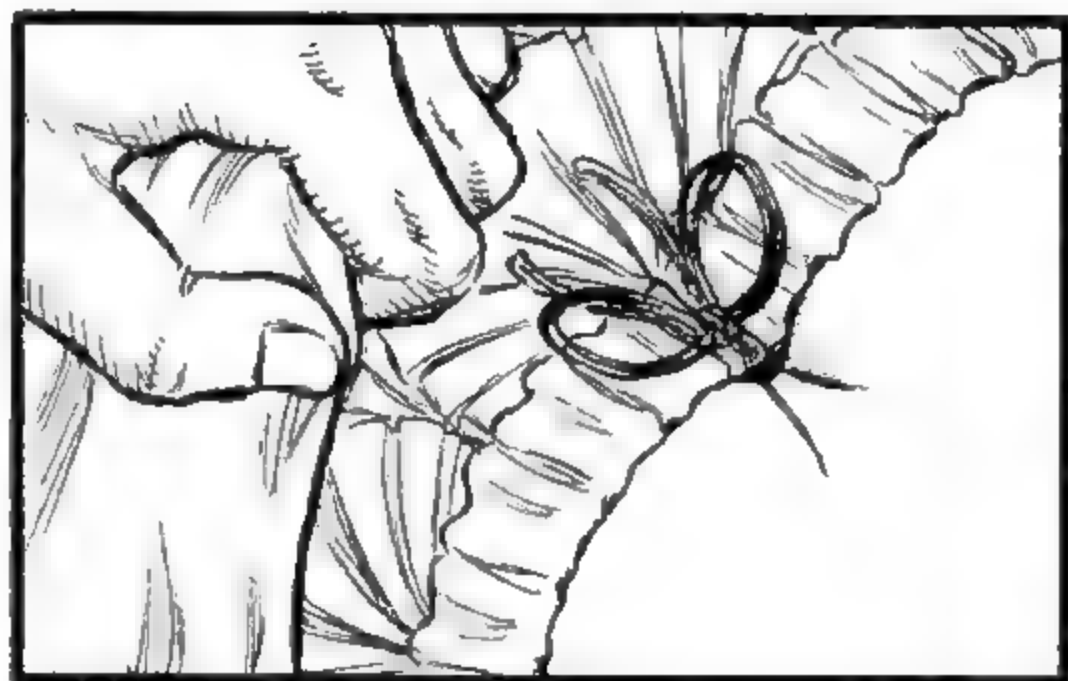
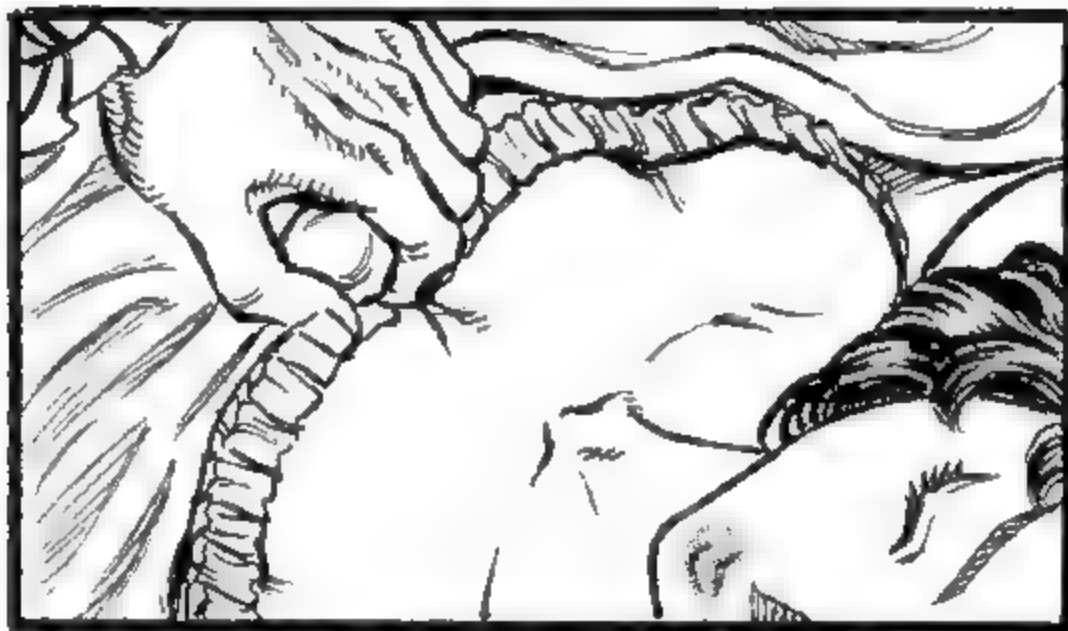
UNTIL A BIT
AGO SHE HAD
BEEN CRYING,
BUT THE
DOCTOR GAVE
HER MEDICINE
AND SHE JUST
FELL ASLEEP.

...

1st
9%

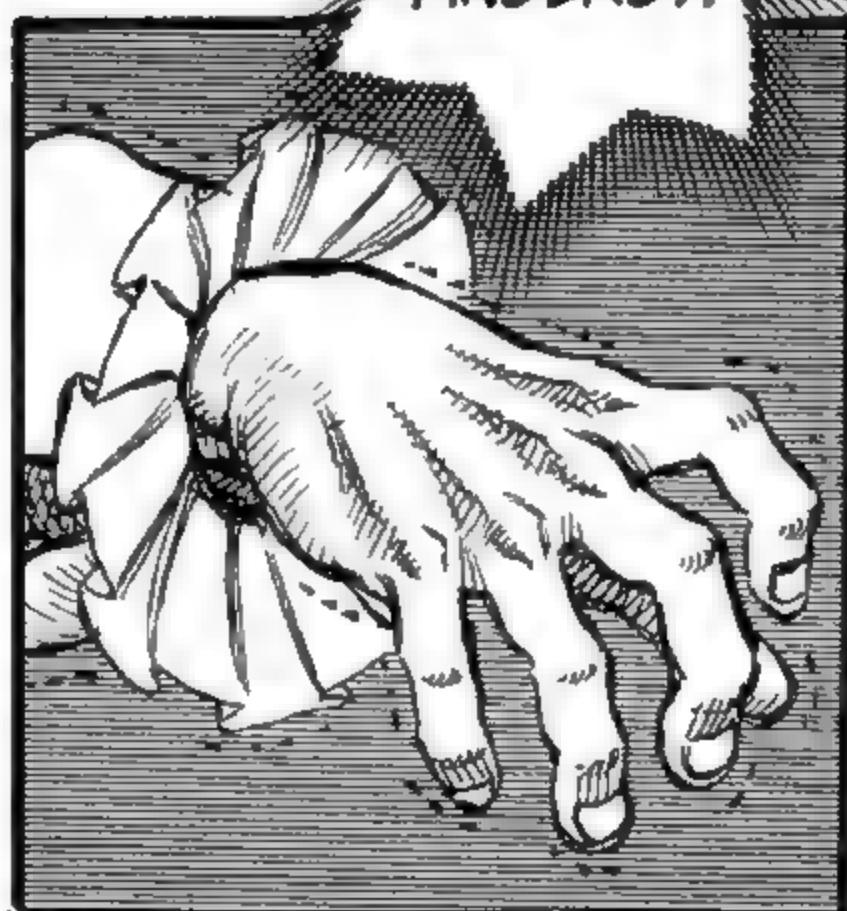


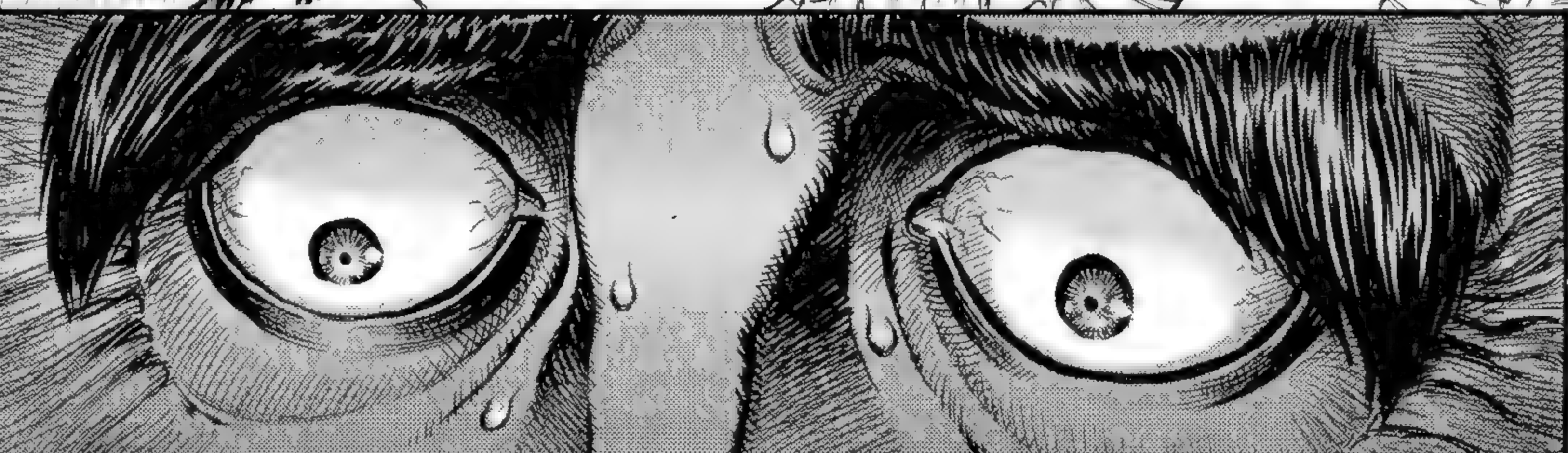




SO
THIS
BODY...

...WAS
TOUCHED
BY HIS
TONGUE...
HIS
FINGERS?!









...YES.

THIS
IS...

...WORTH-
LESS.

...WORTH-
LESS.

THE FALLEN HAWK: END

ベルセルク

夢の終焉

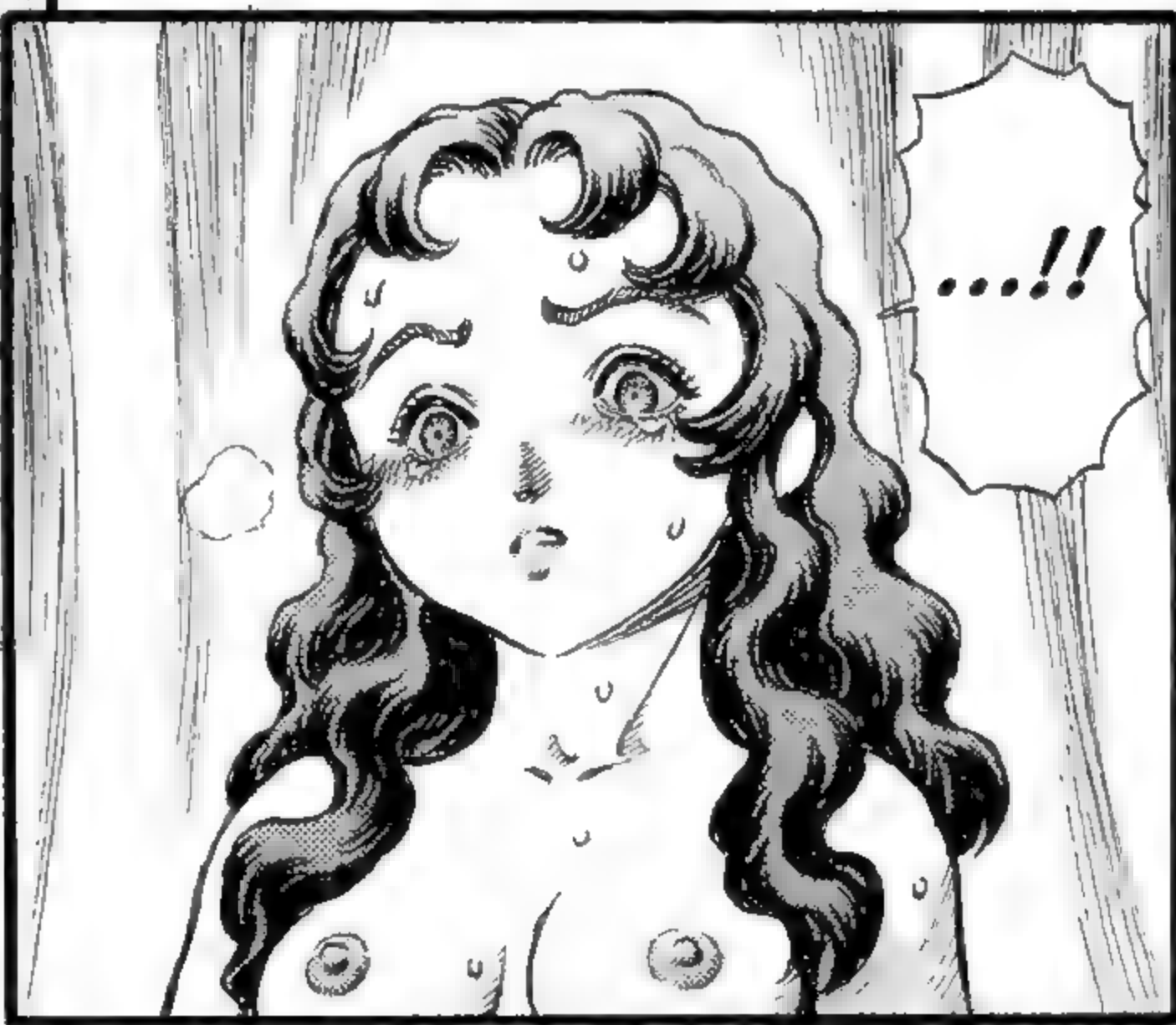
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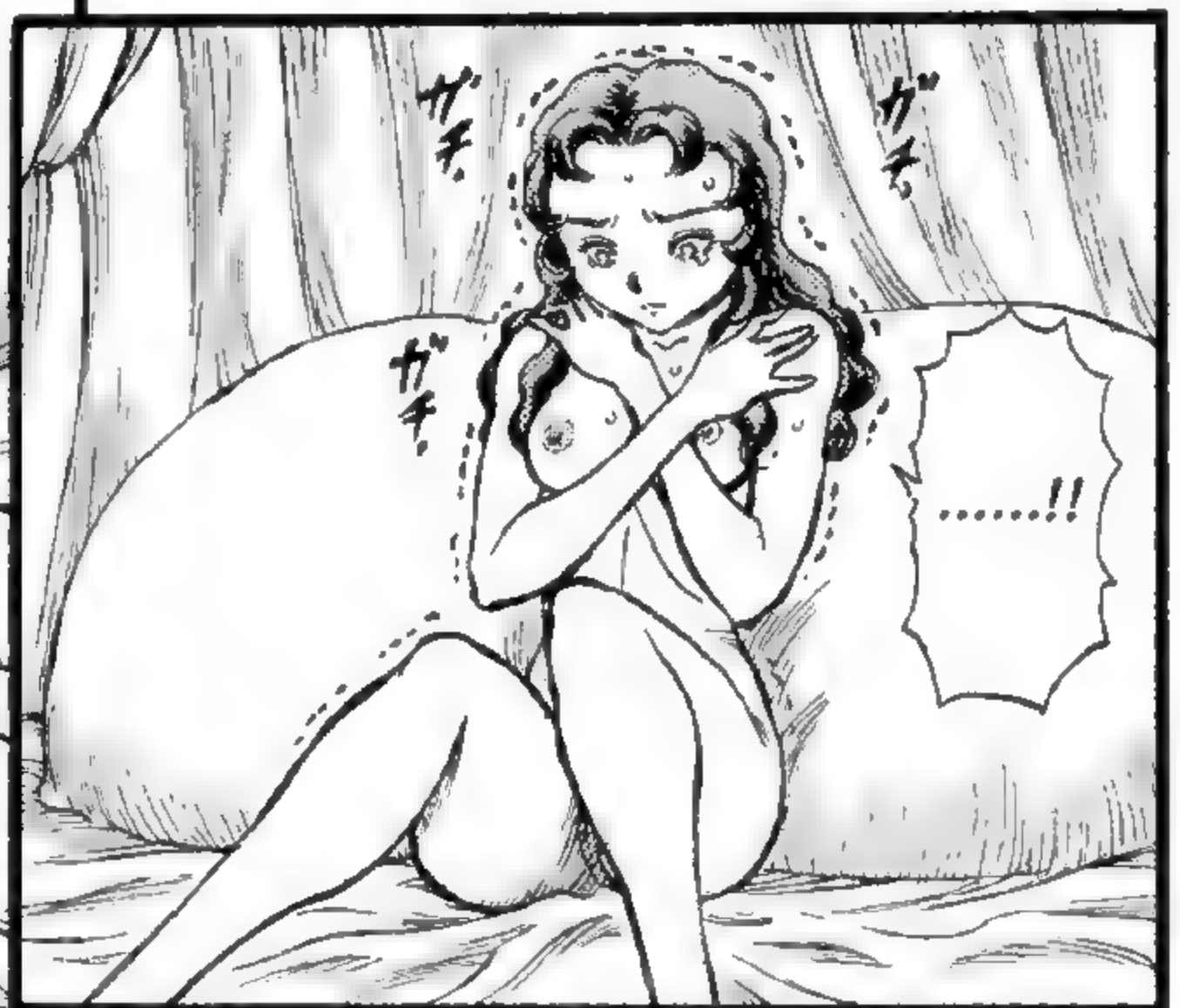


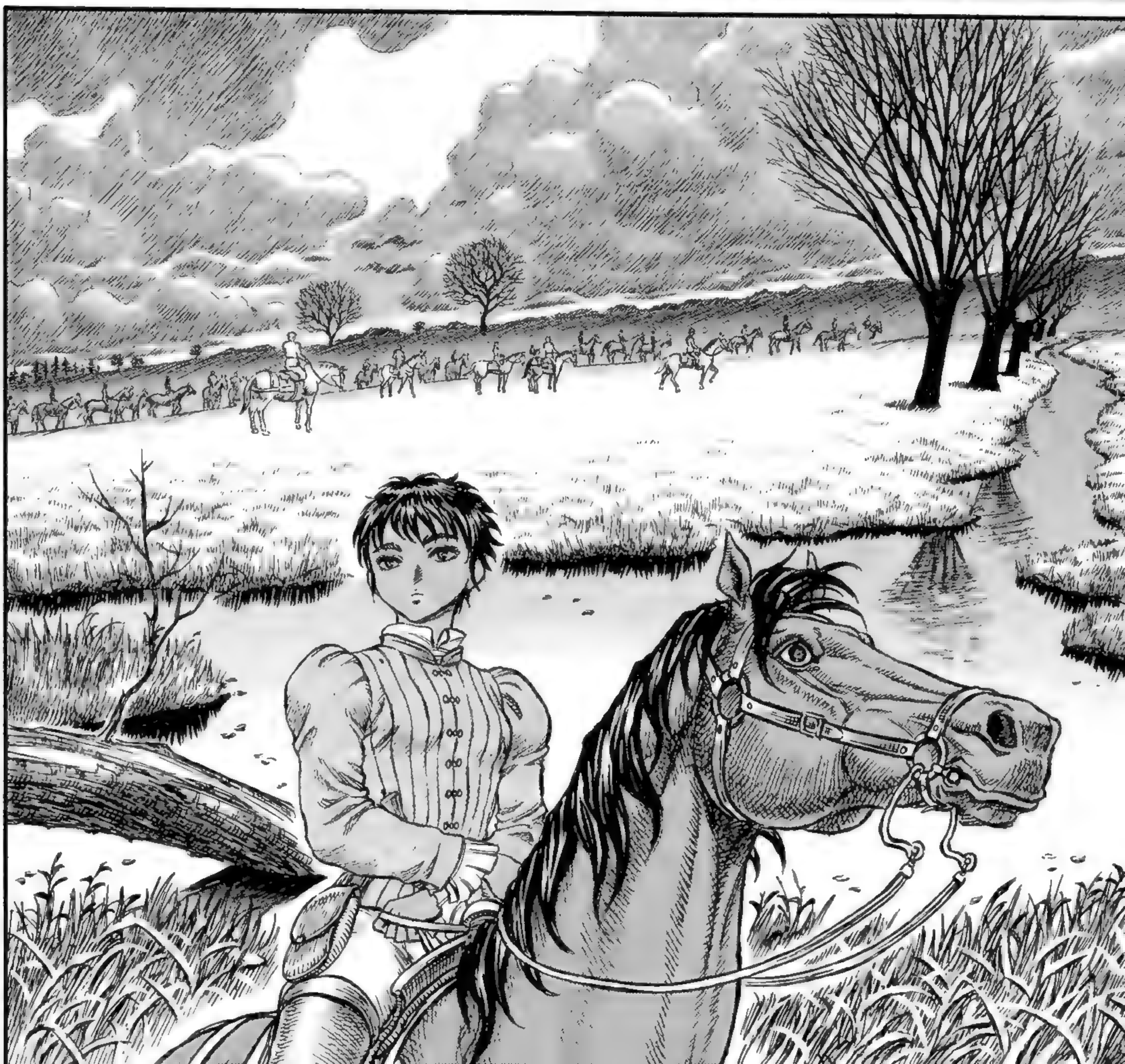


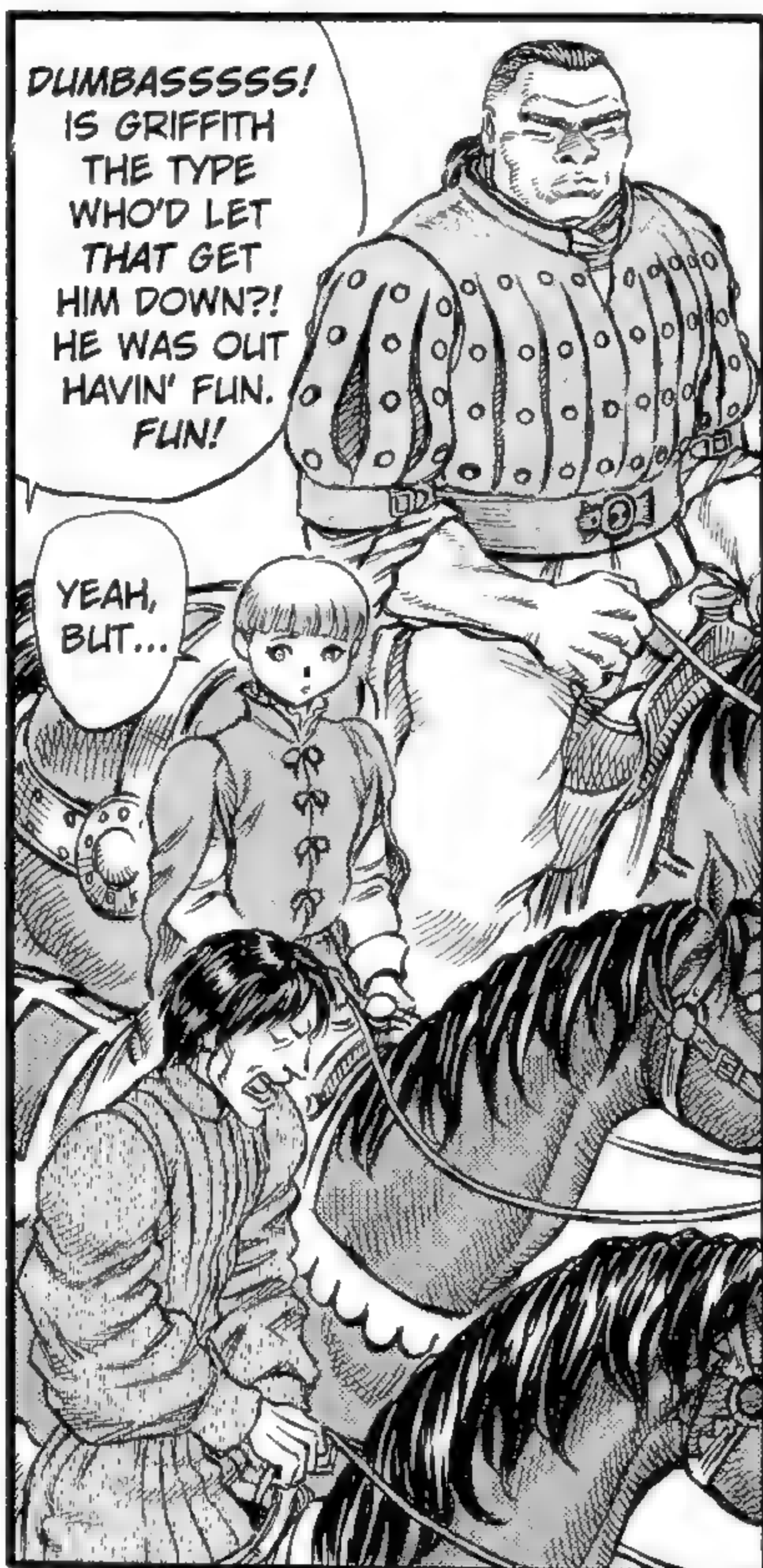






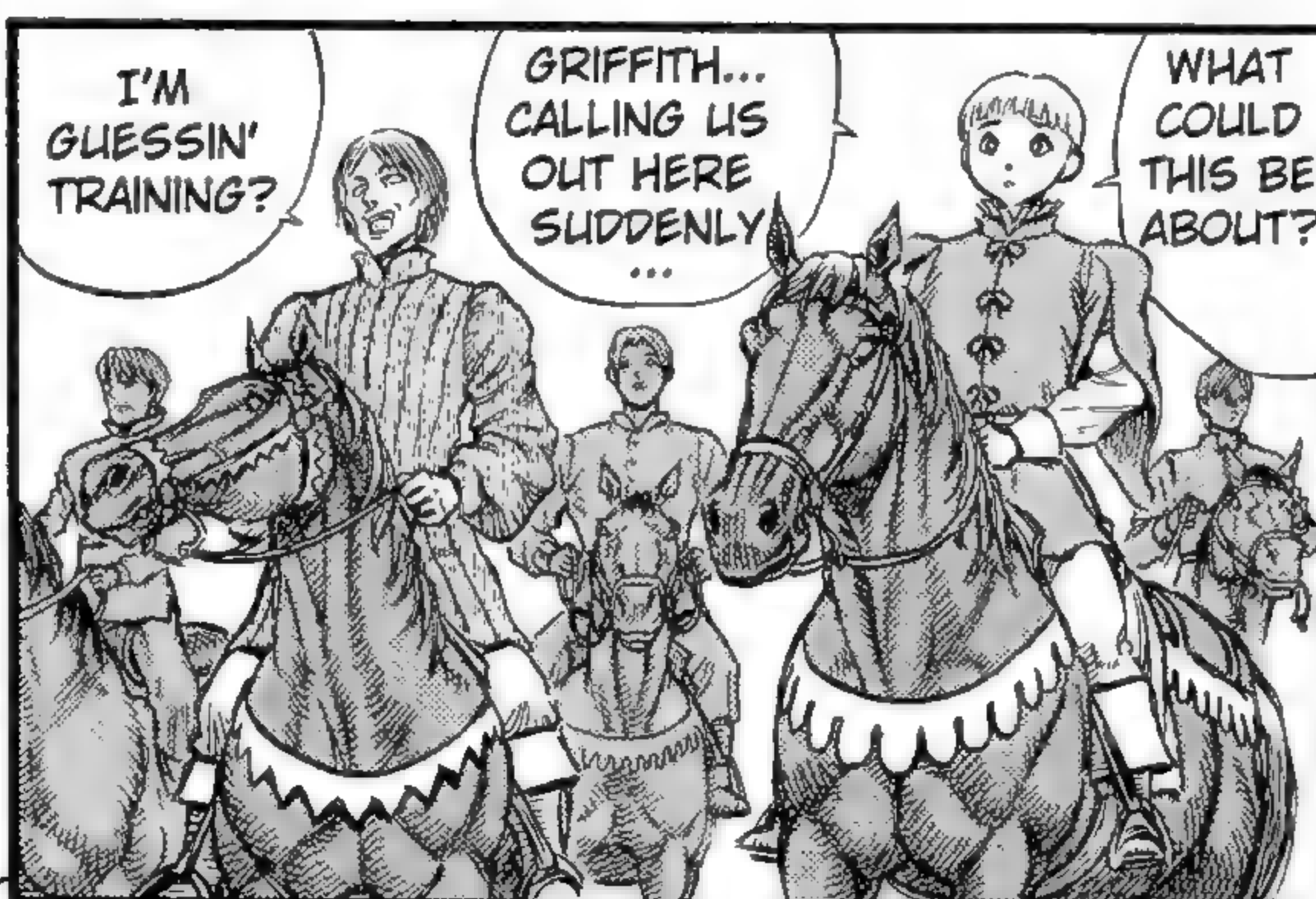






DUMBASSSSSS!
IS GRIFFITH
THE TYPE
WHO'D LET
THAT GET
HIM DOWN?!
HE WAS OUT
HAVIN' FUN.
FUN!

YEAH,
BUT...



I'M
GUESSIN'
TRAINING?

GRIFFITH...
CALLING US
OUT HERE
SUDDENLY
...

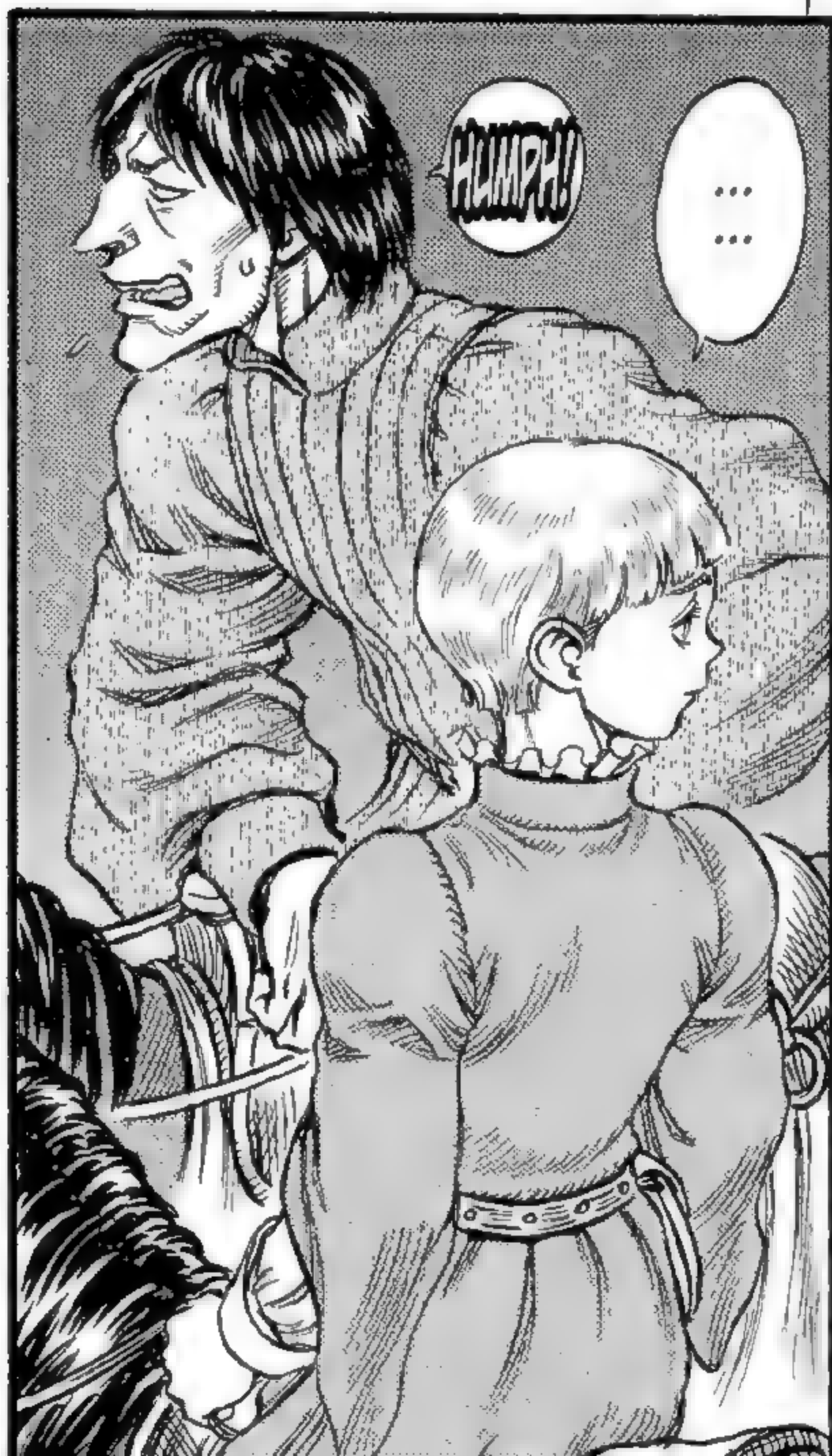
WHAT
COULD
THIS BE
ABOUT?

I GUESS HE
REALLY WAS
IN SHOCK...

HE NEVER
CAME BACK
TO THE
BARRACKS
YESTERDAY
...

THEN IT'S
RIDIN'
PRACTICE,
RIGHT?

WITHOUT
ANY
EQUIP-
MENT?



HUMPH!

...



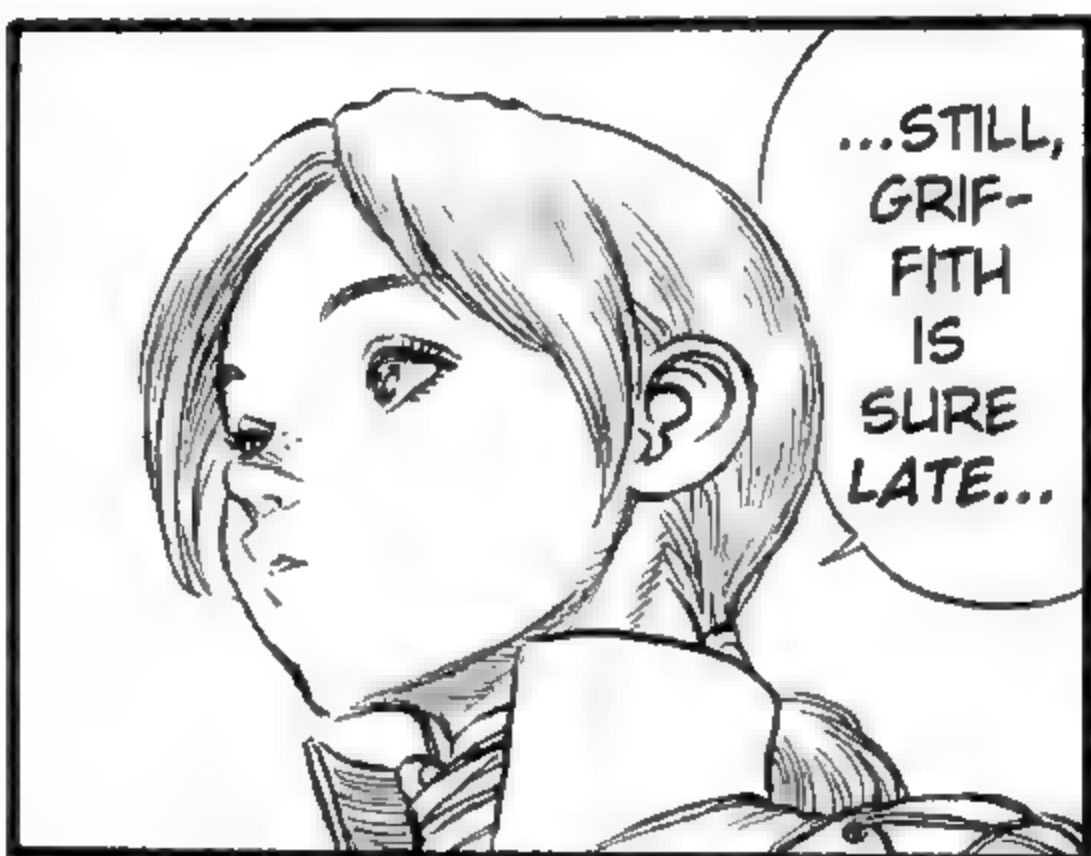
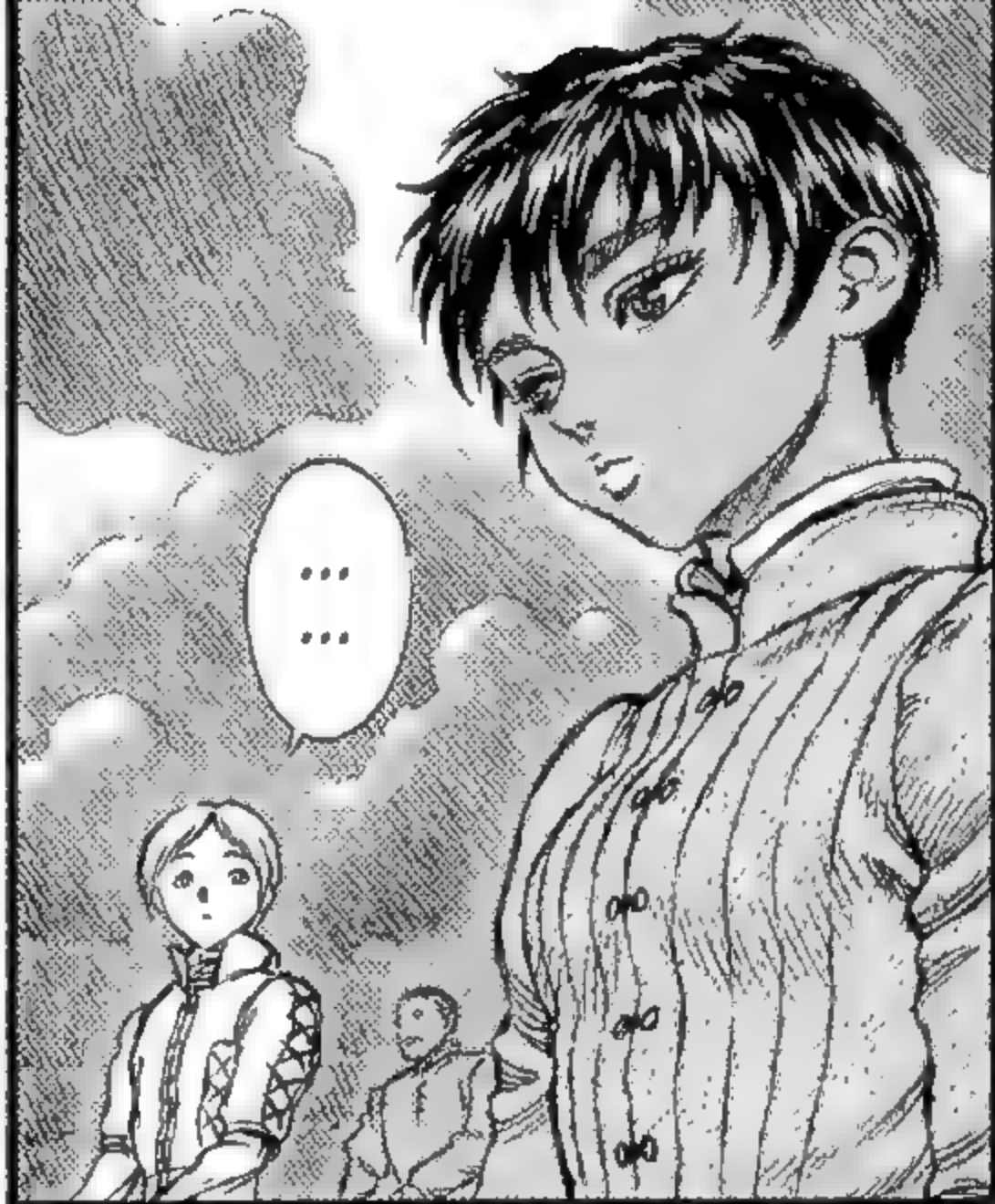
WILL YOU GIVE IT A REST?!
LOOK HERE!! GRIFFITH AIN'T
GONNA FALL APART JUST BECAUSE
THAT JERK SPLIT...!!

YEAH
BUT,
YEAH
BUT
...

CORKUS
...

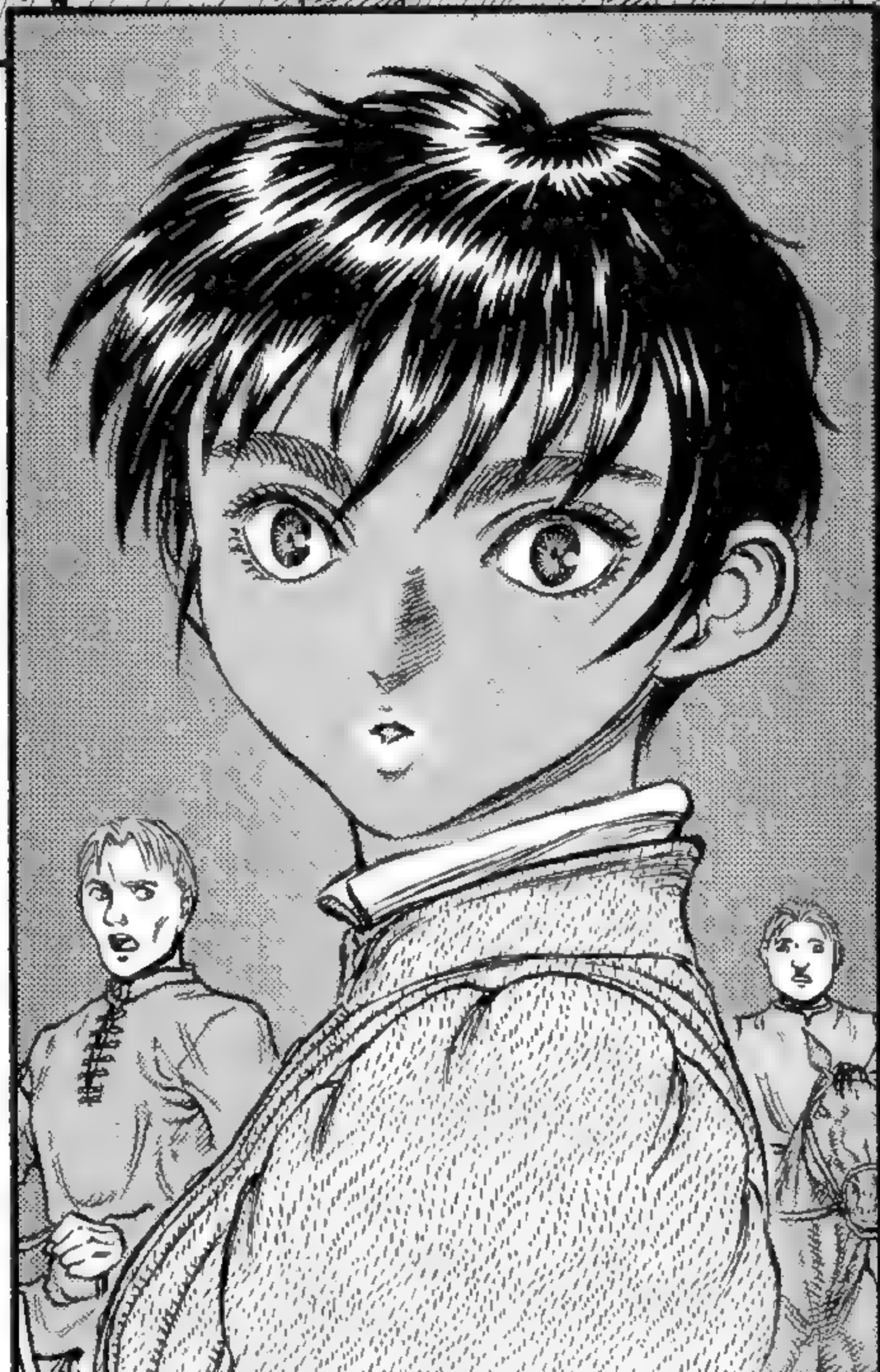


CAPTAIN
GLITS...





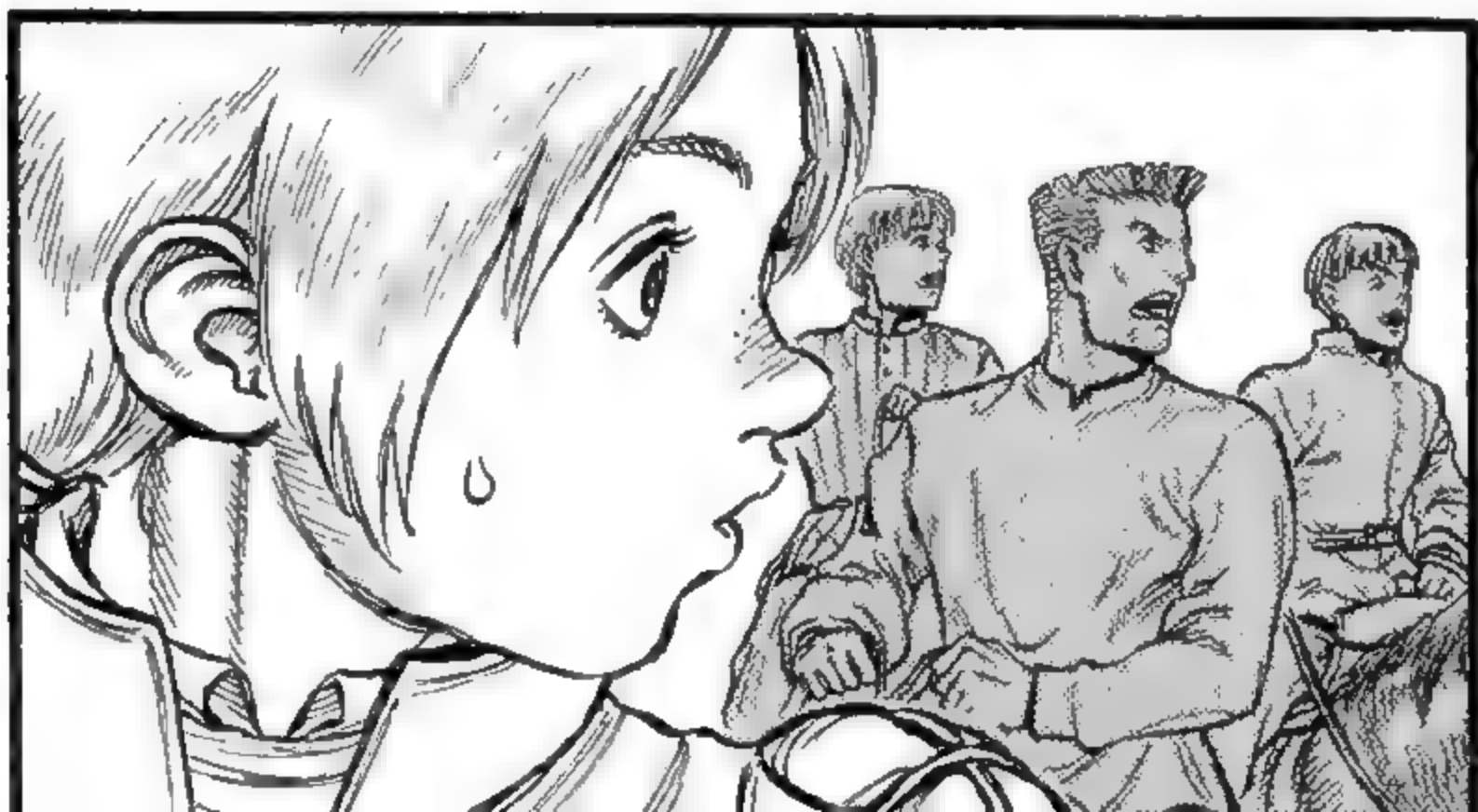
**EVERY-
ONE
TAKE
COVER
!!!**

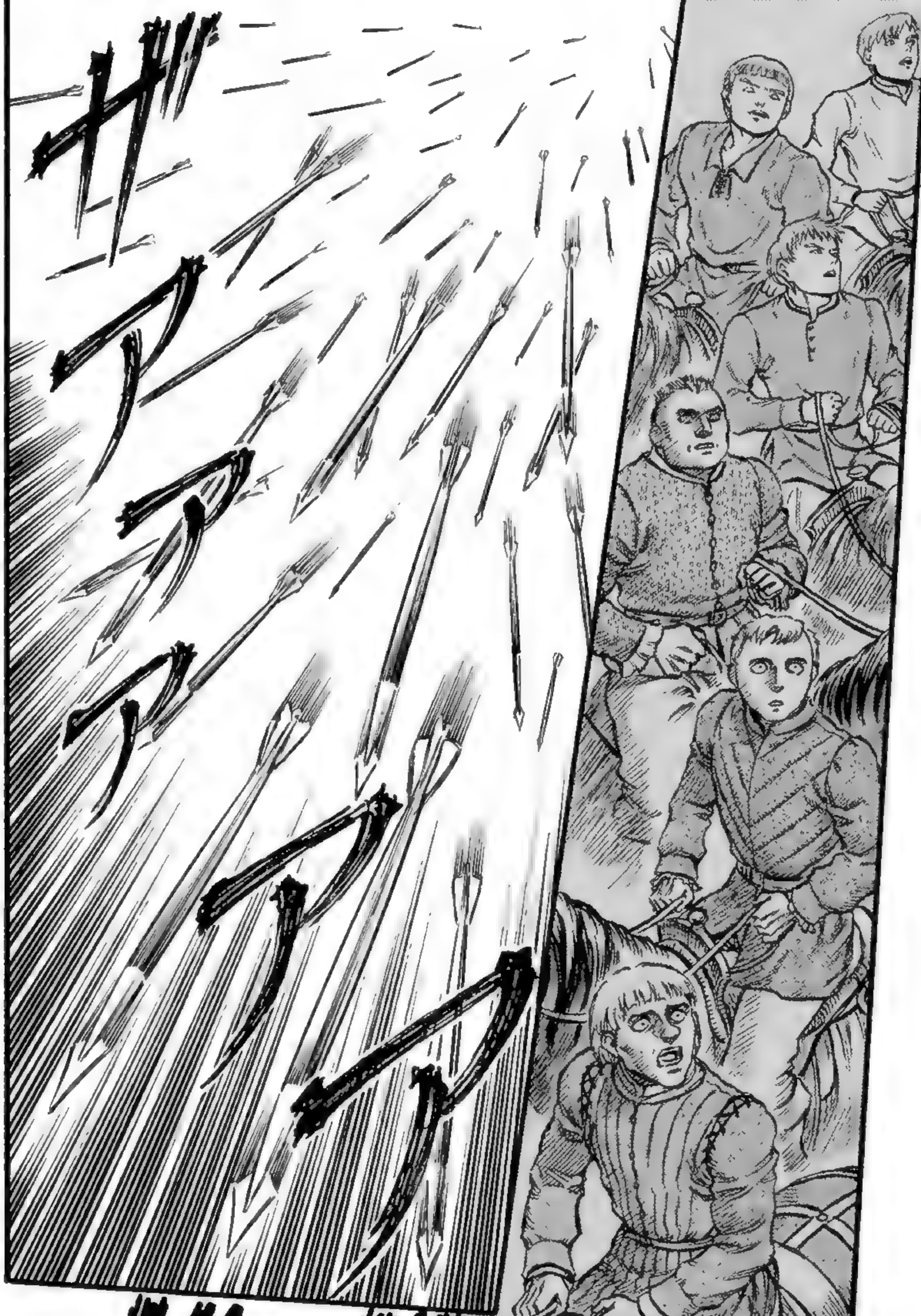


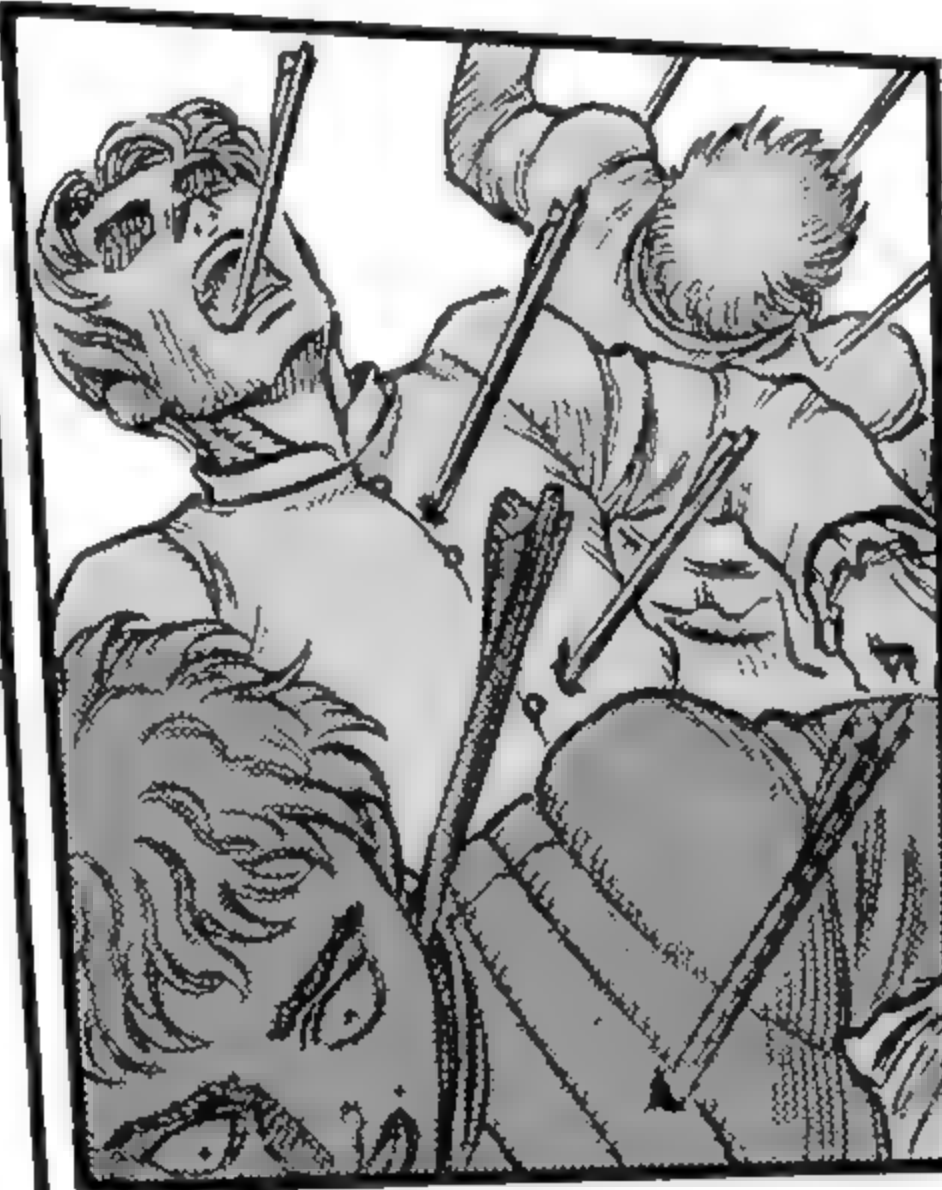
**GEH!!
PIPPIN
SHOUTED
?!**

?!

!!



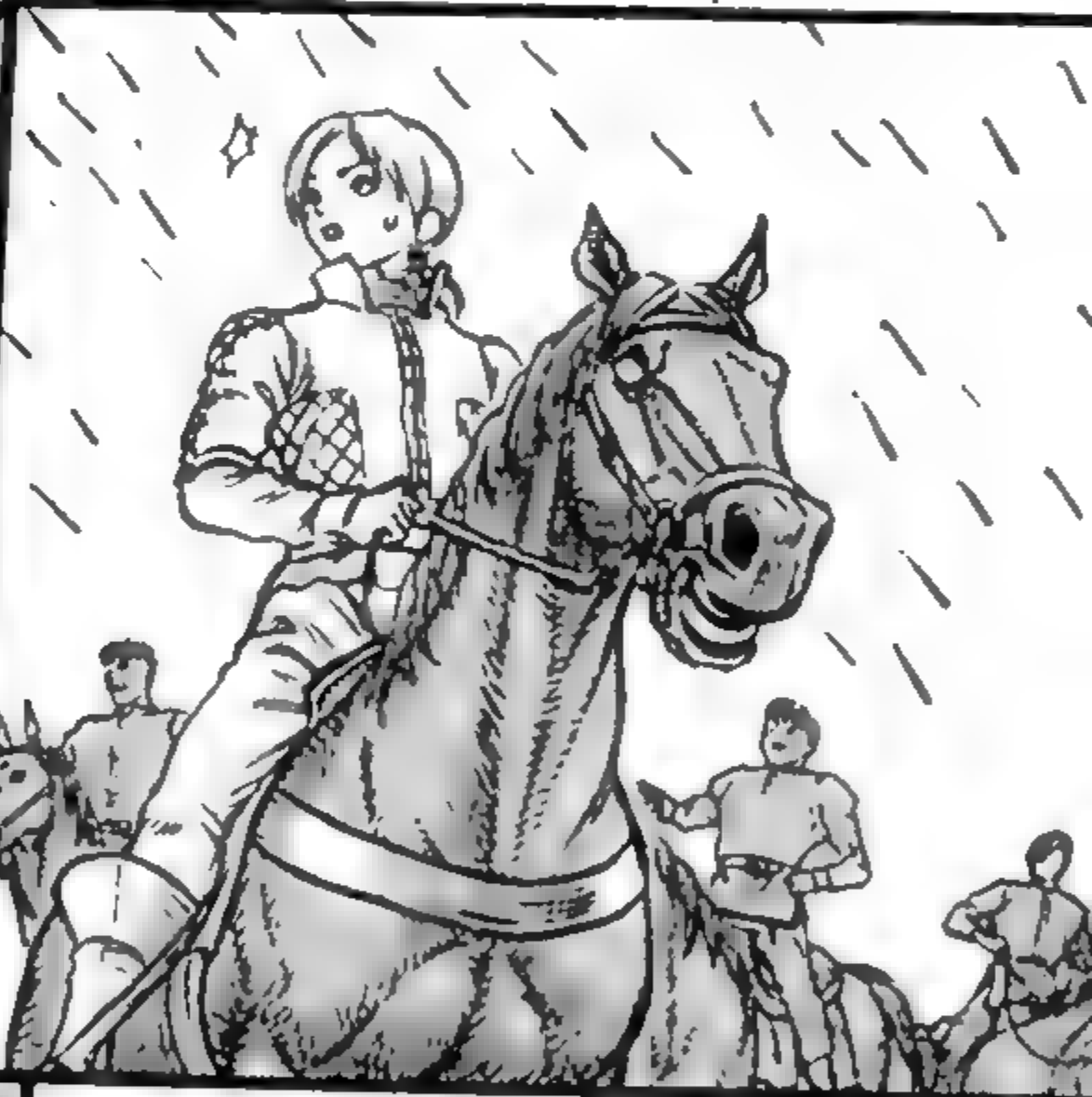


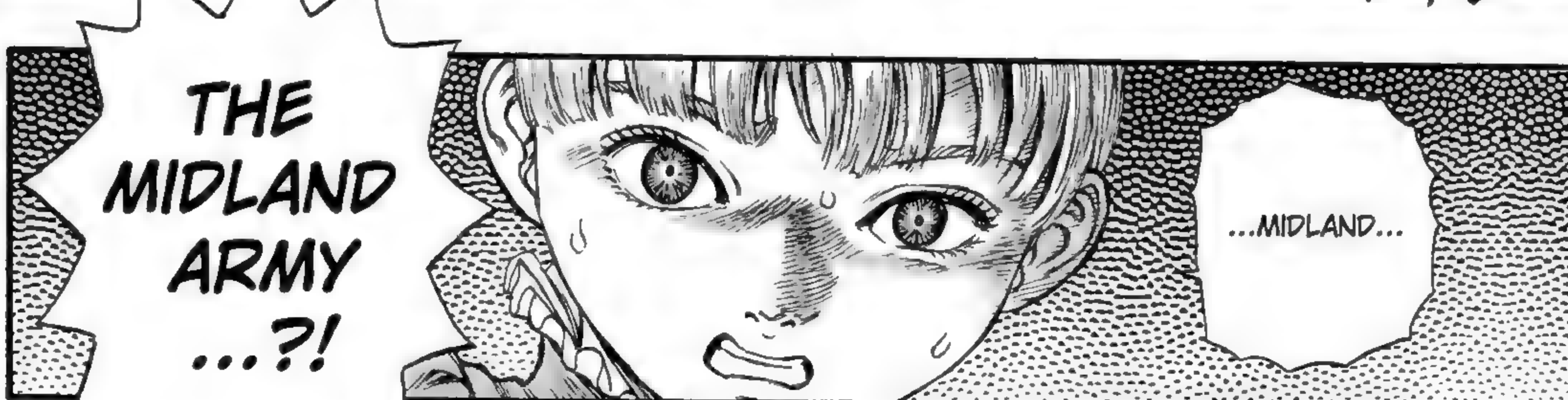
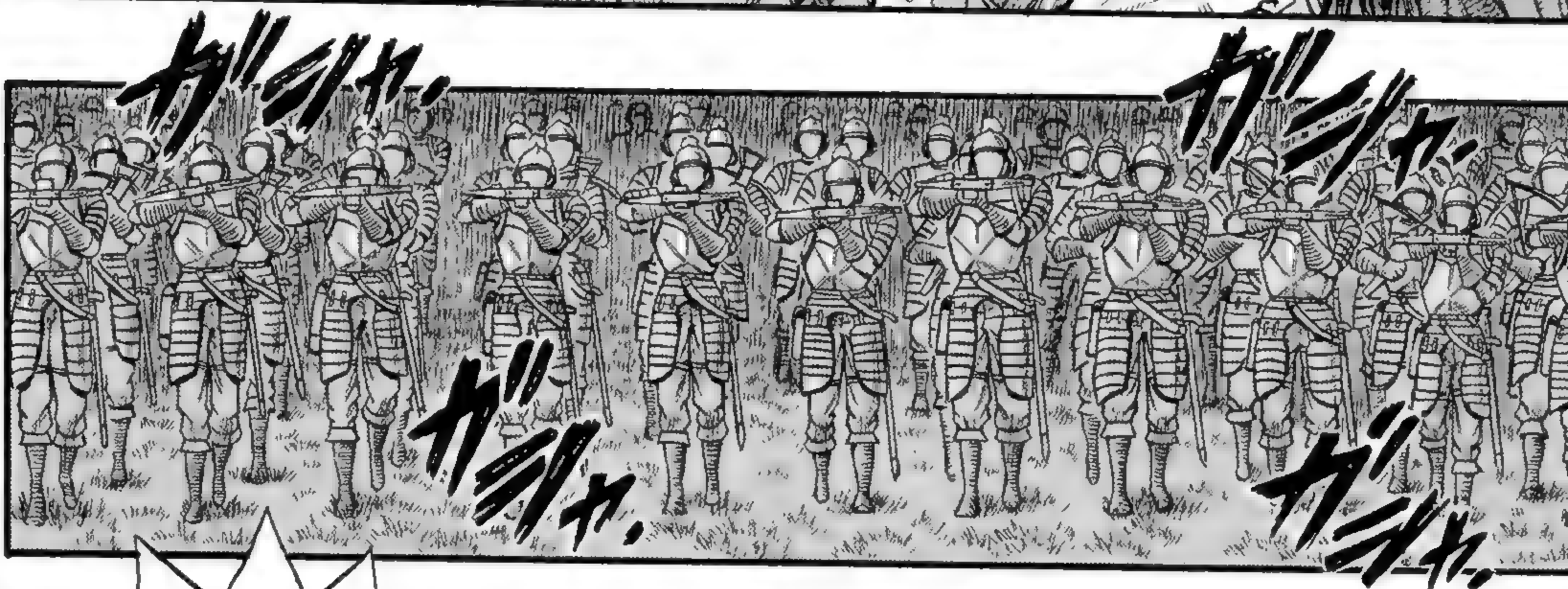
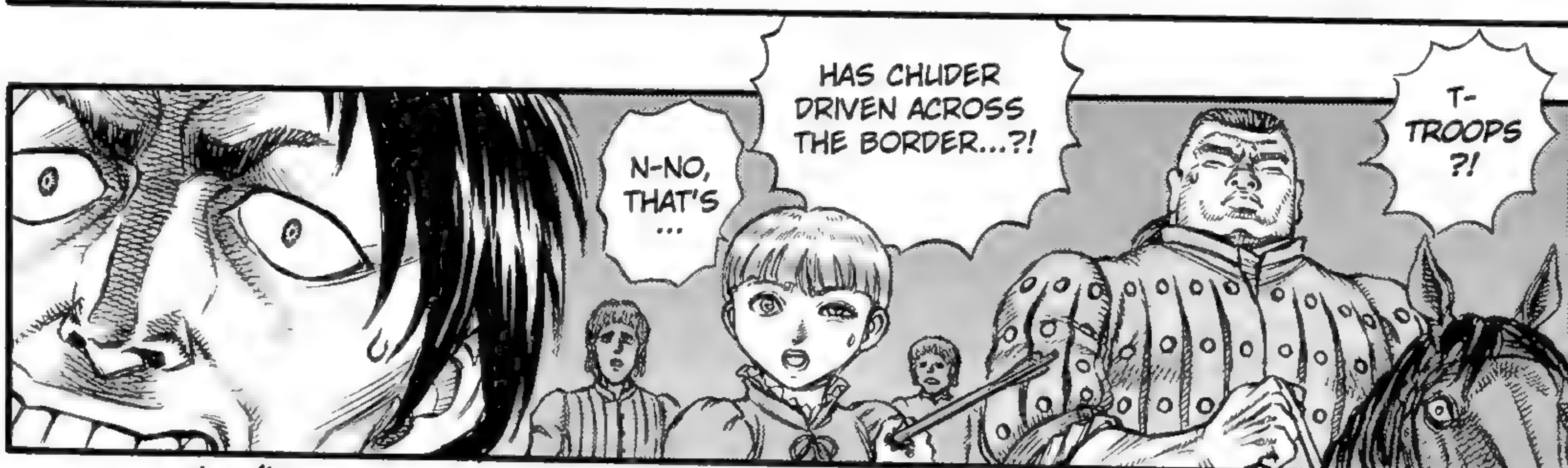


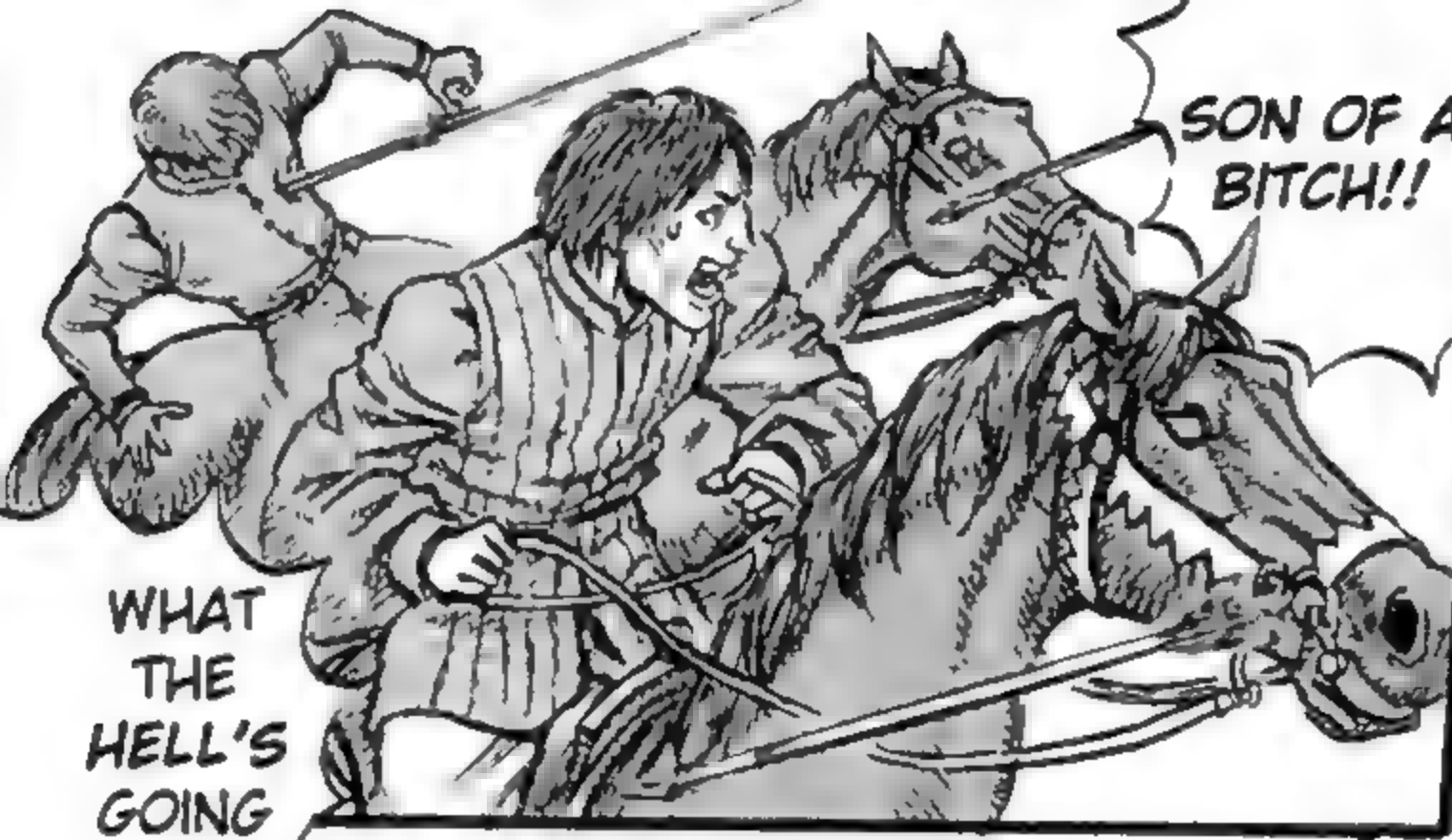


H-HEY!

LOOK
...!!







WHY
?!

GET
INTO
WEDGE
FOR-
MATION!!

WE'LL
BREAK
THROUGH
AT ONE
POINT AND
ESCAPE!!

IF WE
SCATTER
AND RUN,
WE'RE ALL
DEAD!!

FORM
RANKS!!

WHY
...?!

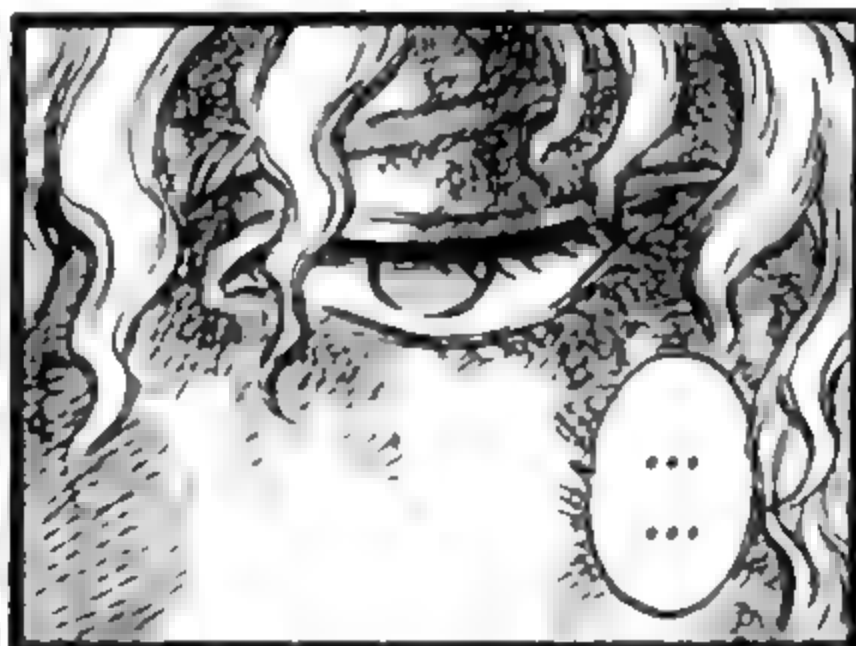
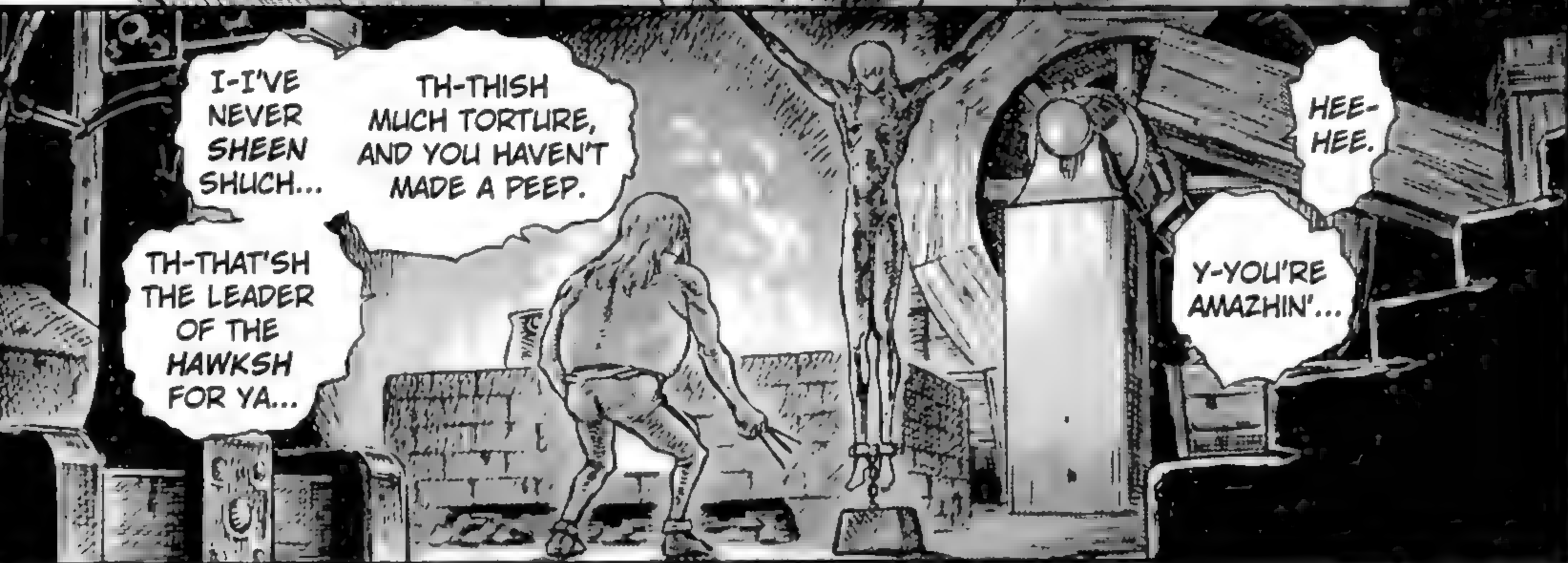
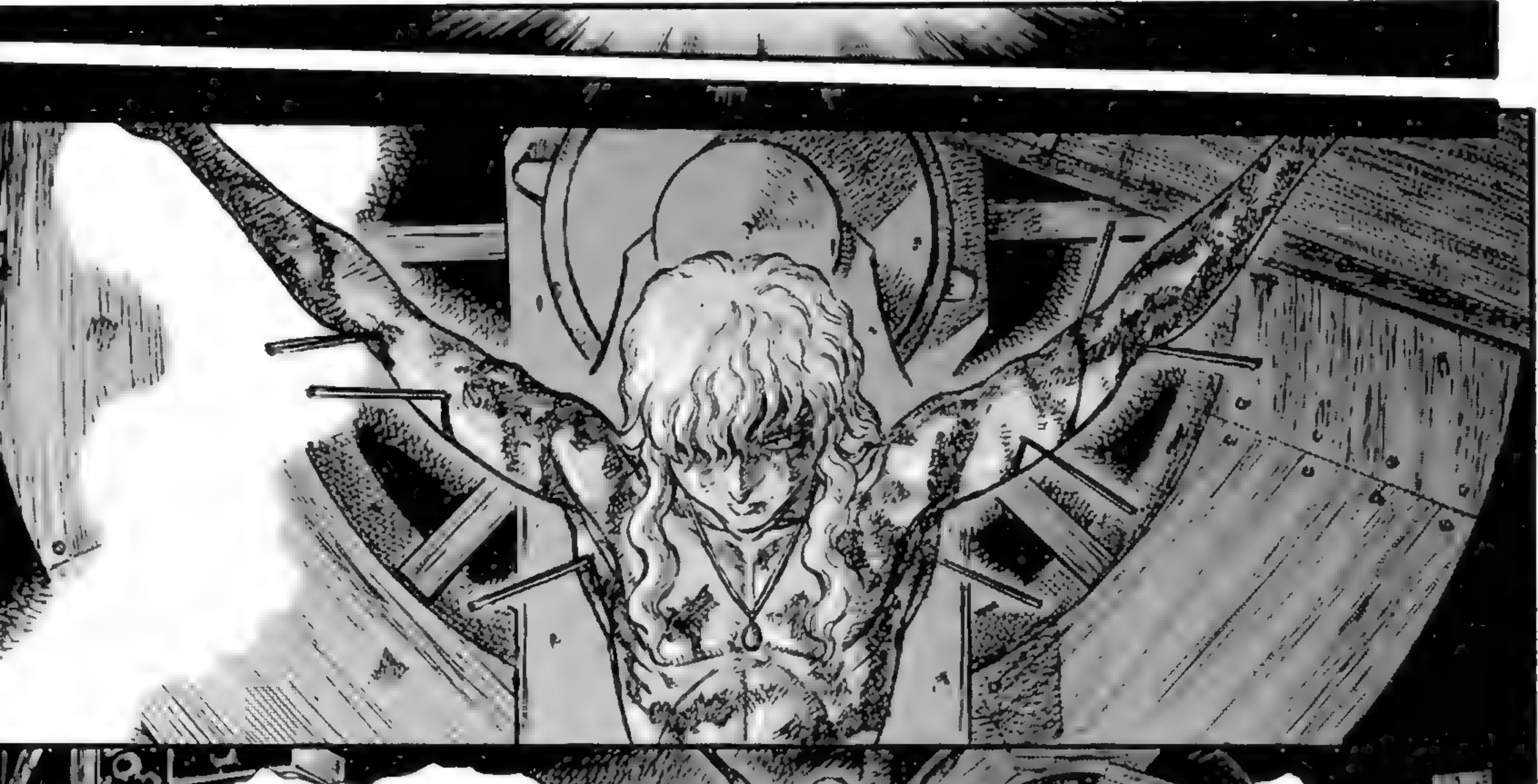
SIS,
LOOK
OUT!!

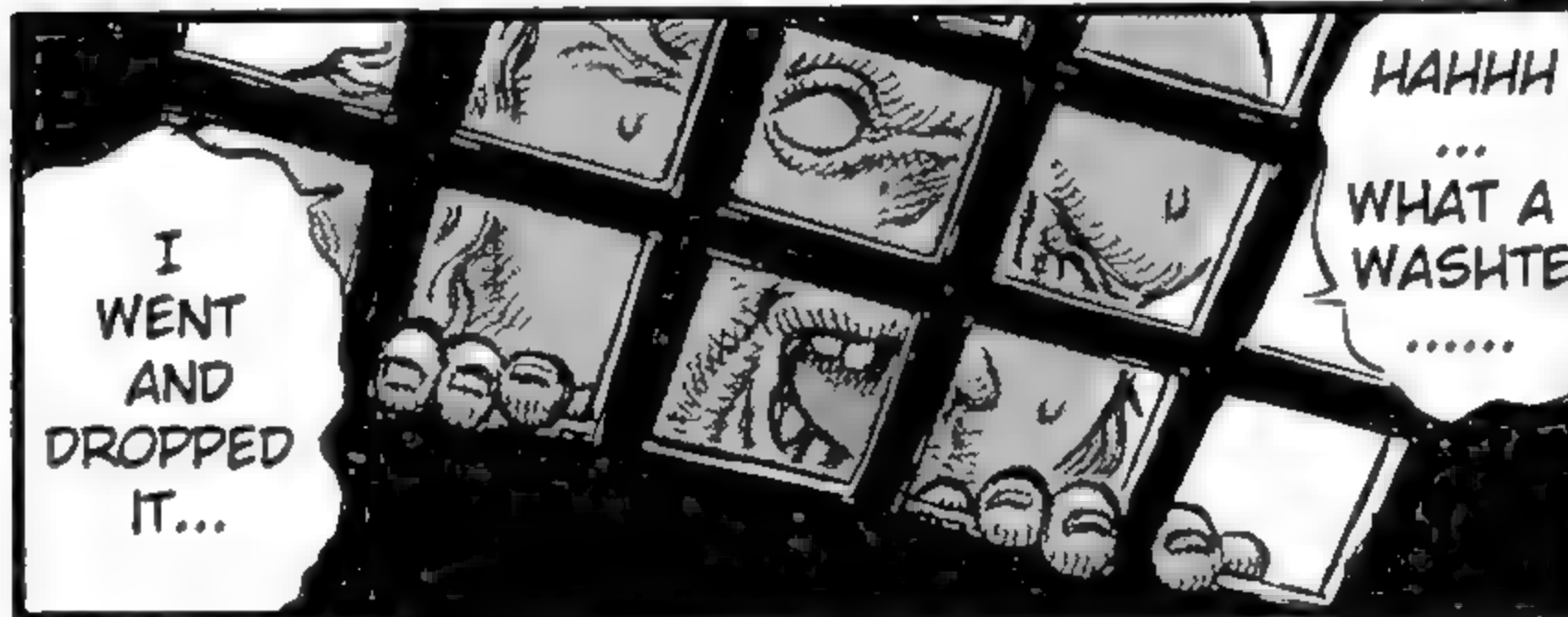
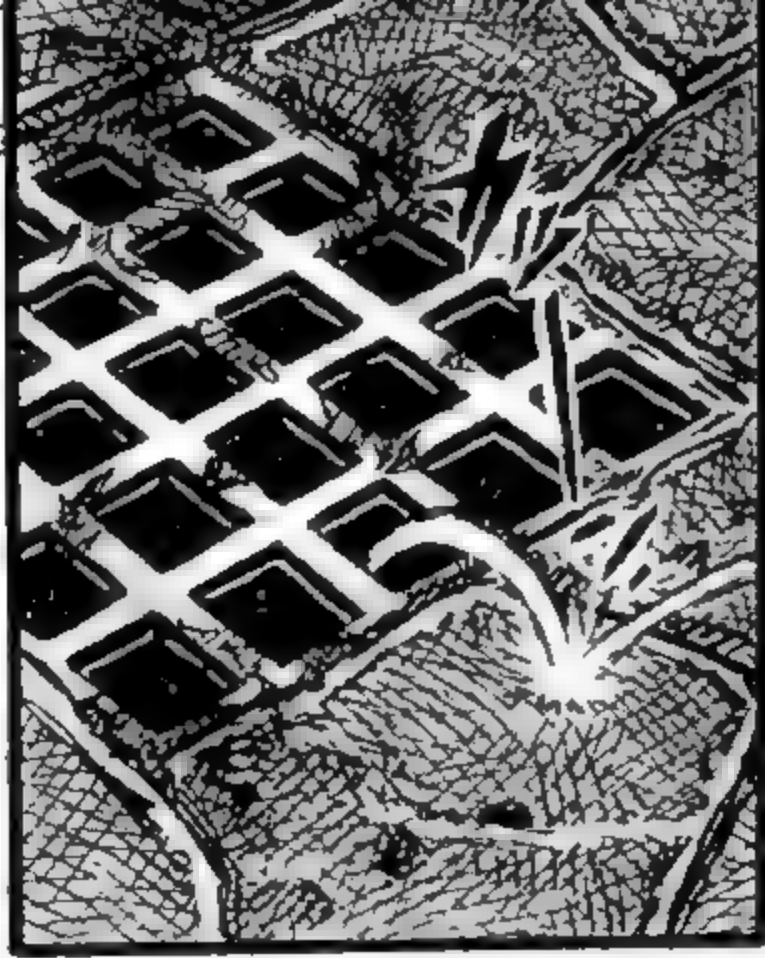
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GRIFFITH...!!

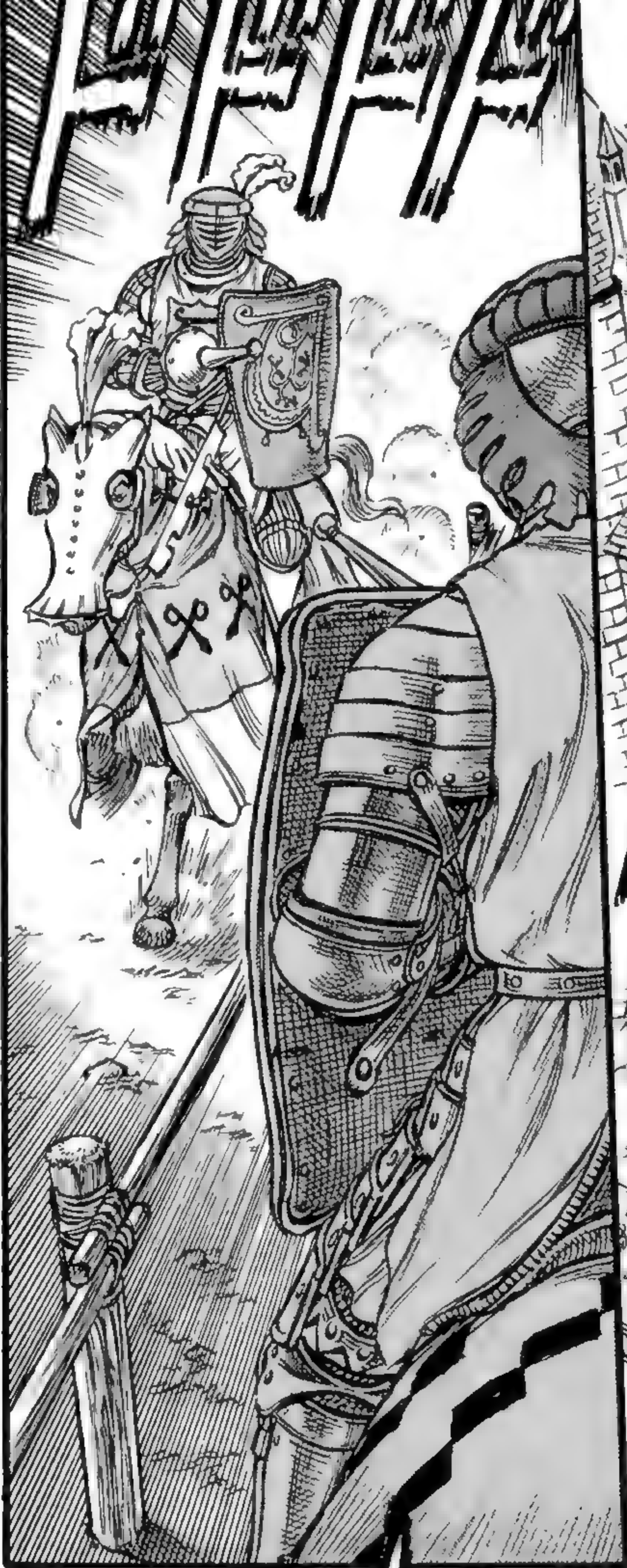


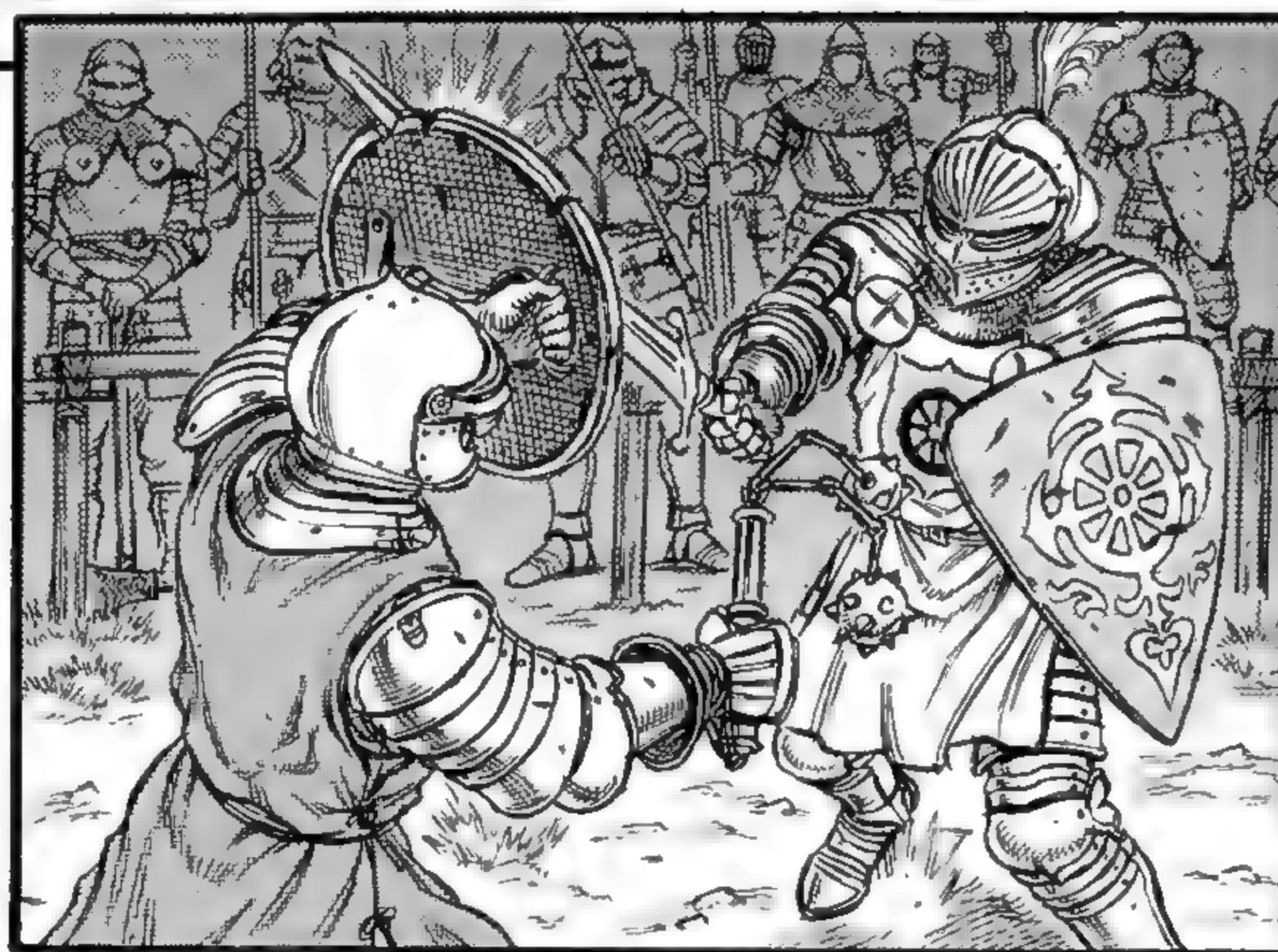
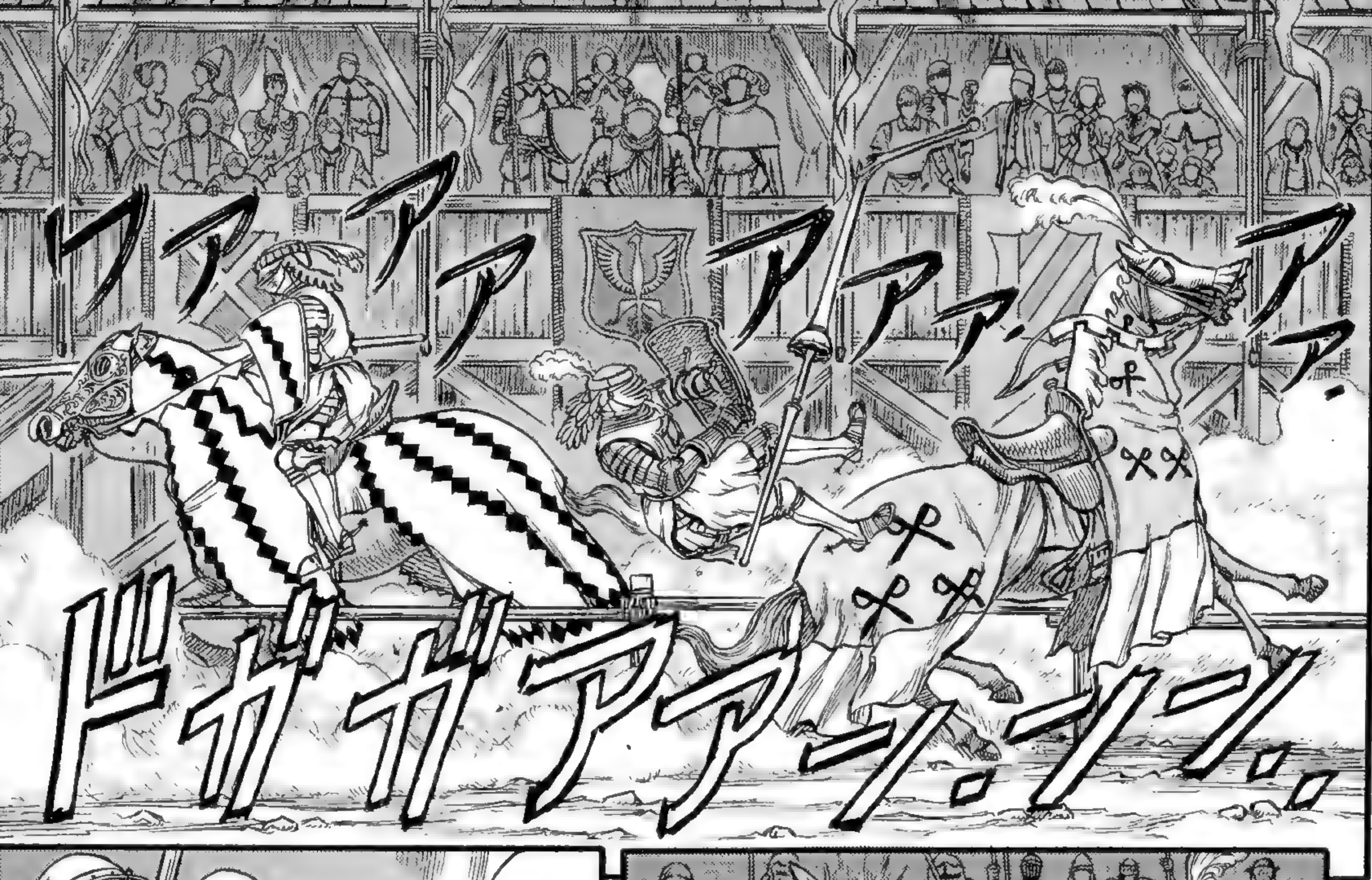


DEMISE OF A DREAM: END



ARMS TOURNAMENT







MASTER,
THIS TOUR-
NAMENT'S
FEATURED
BOUL IS
BEGINNING.

OHHH!!



IT'S REALLY
STARTED TO
DRAW IN
SOME
STRONG
ONES.

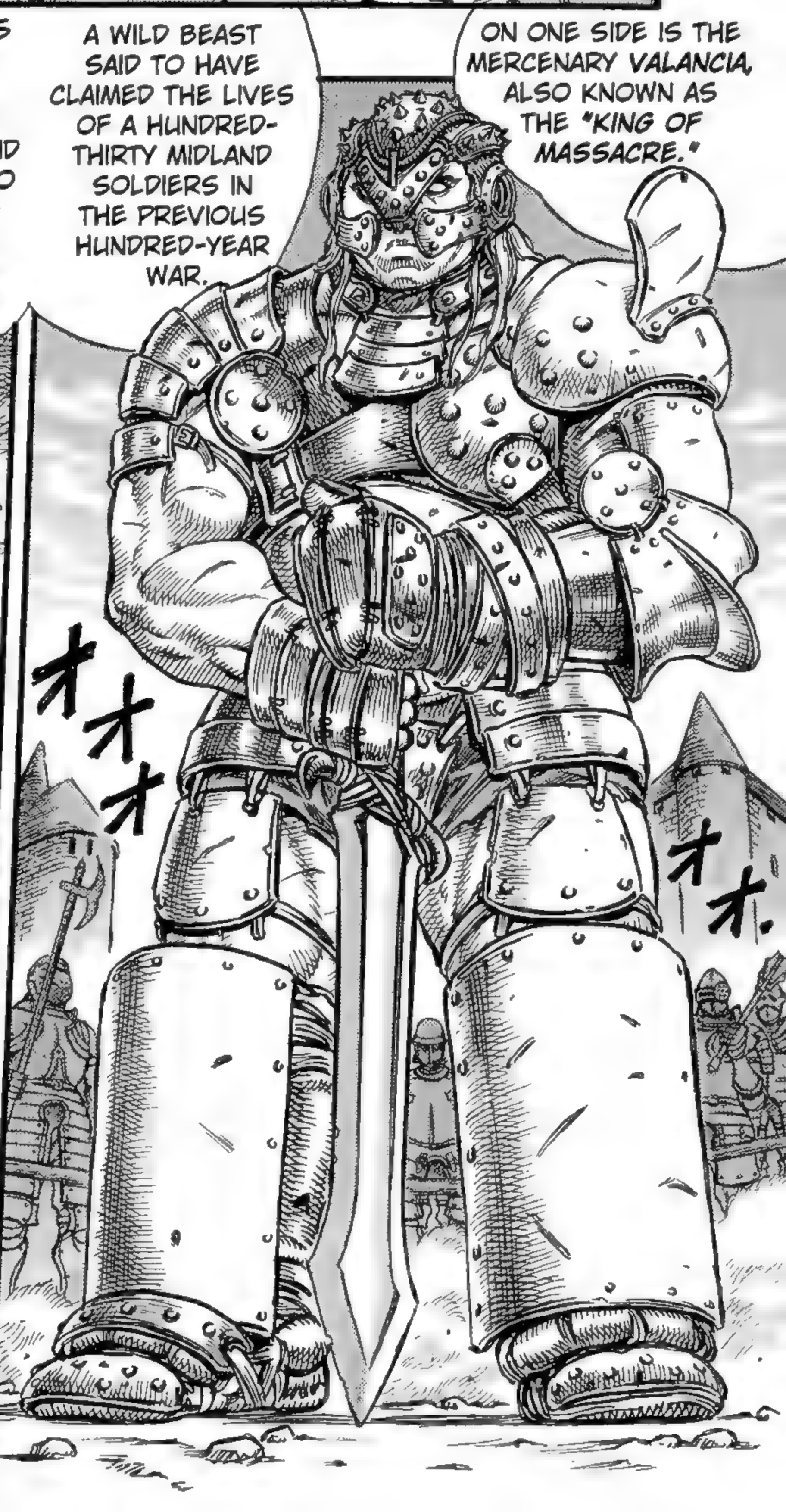
HO
HO
HO...

MY
COMBAT
TOURNAMENT
HAS
BECOME
QUITE
FAMOUS
IN MANY
COUNTRIES
OVER THE
YEARS.



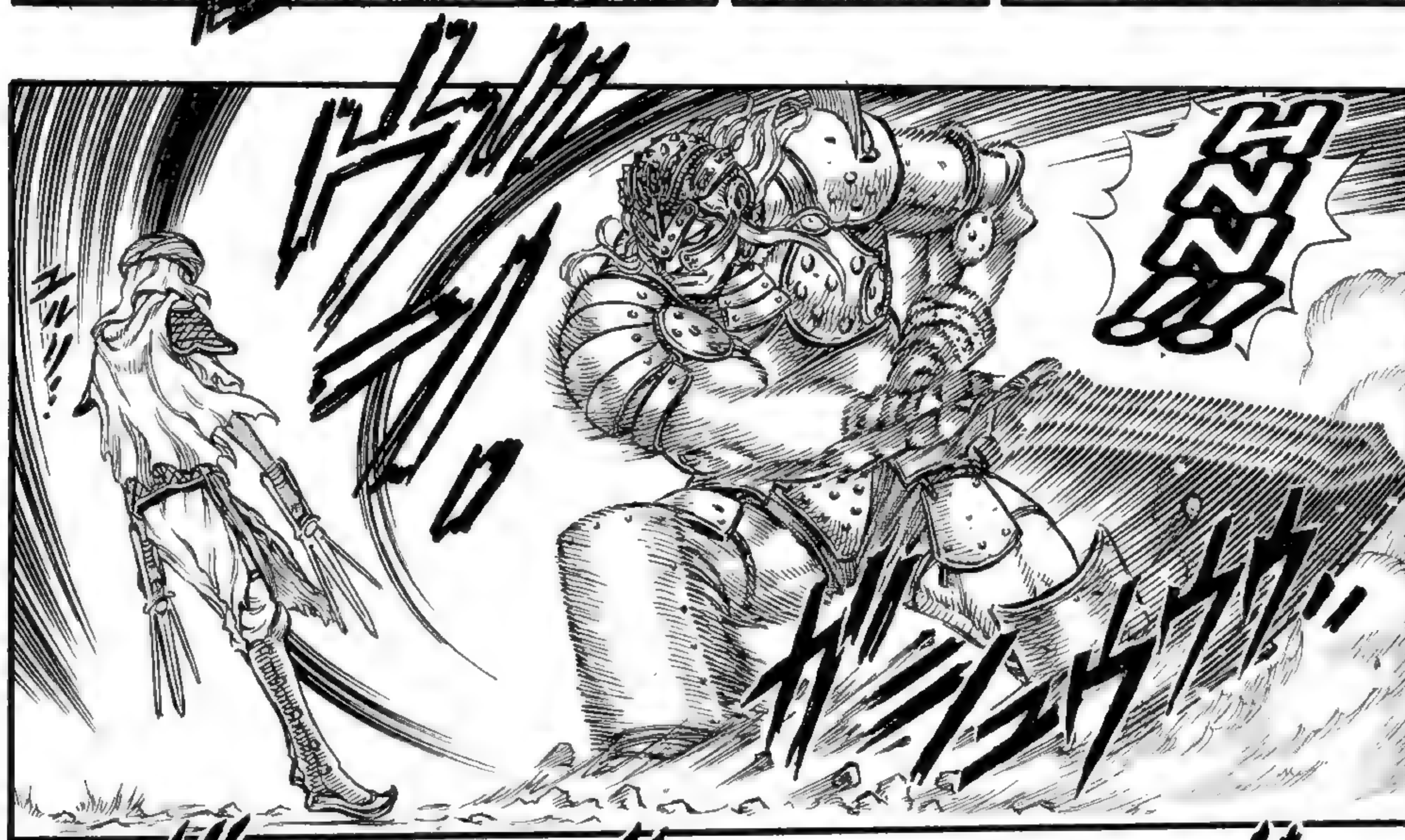
THE
ENIGMATIC
WARRIOR
FROM A
STRANGE
LAND,
SILAT.

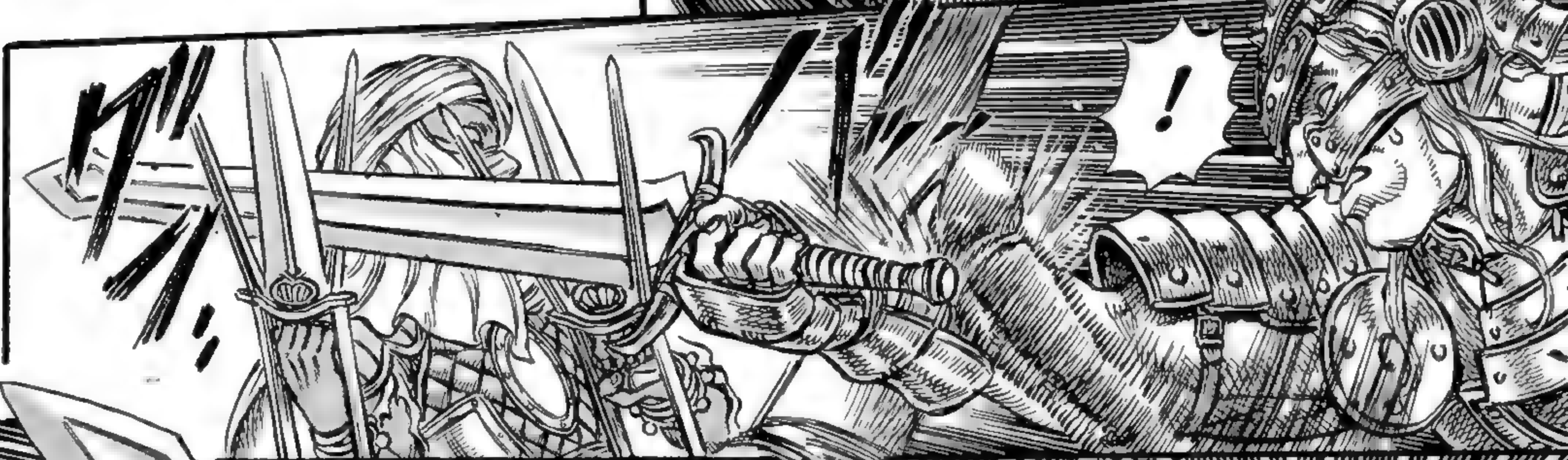
ON THE OTHER SIDE IS
THIS TOURNAMENT'S
DARK HORSE, A
NEWCOMER USING
STRANGE WEAPONS AND
TECHNIQUES WHO
CONTINUES TO
CUT A SWATH
THROUGH THE
COMPETITION.



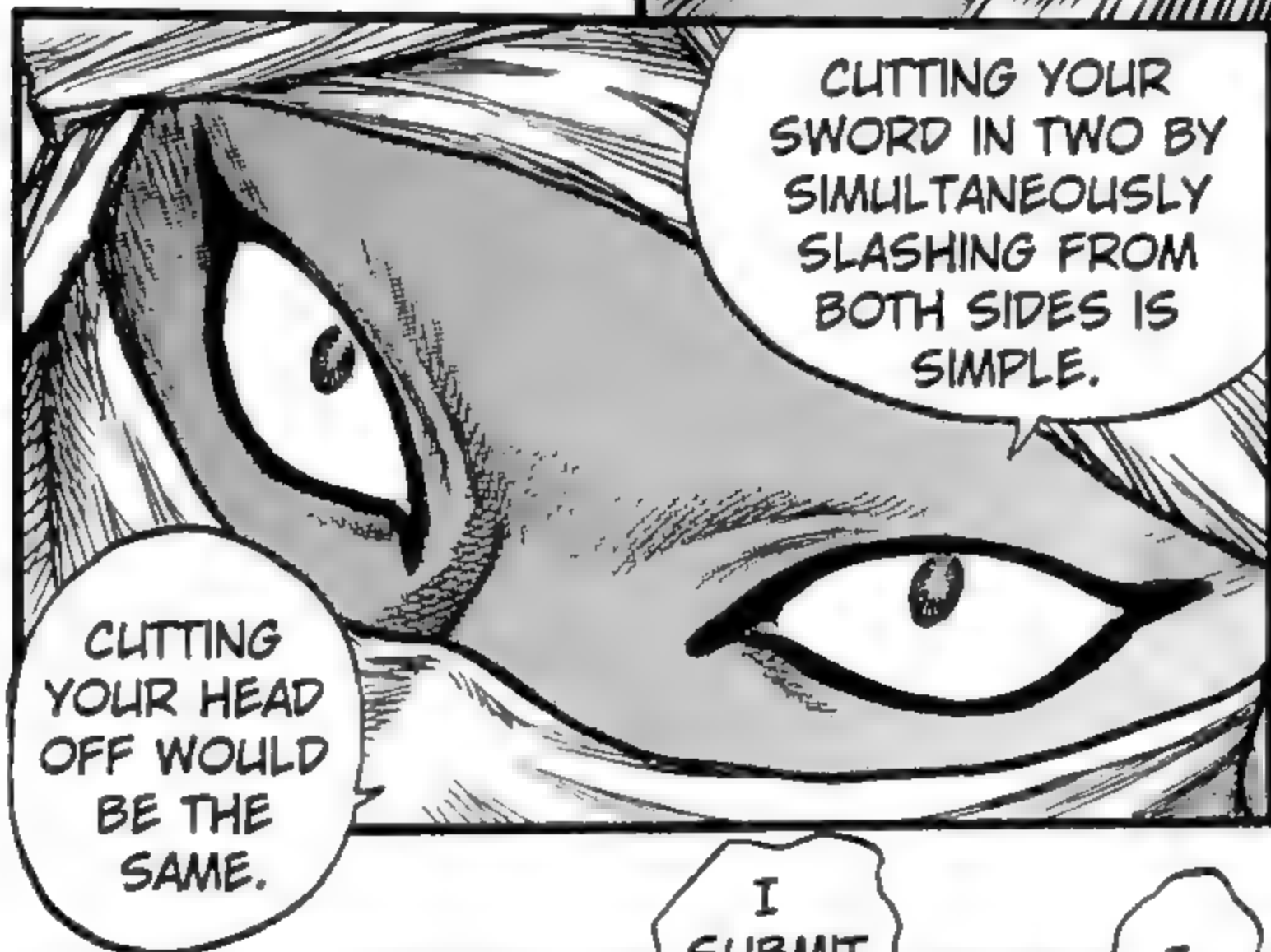
A WILD BEAST
SAID TO HAVE
CLAIMED THE LIVES
OF A HUNDRED-
THIRTY MIDLAND
SOLDIERS IN
THE PREVIOUS
HUNDRED-YEAR
WAR.

ON ONE SIDE IS THE
MERCENARY VALANCIA,
ALSO KNOWN AS
THE "KING OF
MASSACRE."









CUTTING YOUR
SWORD IN TWO BY
SIMULTANEOUSLY
SLASHING FROM
BOTH SIDES IS
SIMPLE.

CUTTING
YOUR HEAD
OFF WOULD
BE THE
SAME.



HOW
SPORTS-
MANLIKE.



I
SUBMIT
...

I...





THE
SWORD
ARTS OF
THIS LAND
ARE
DULL AND
NARROW-
MINDED.

IN THE
FACE OF MY
DEEPLY ROOTED
HAND-TO-HAND
FIGHTING STYLE,
THEY REMIND ME
OF CHILDREN
SWINGING
STICKS.



HOH
HOHHH

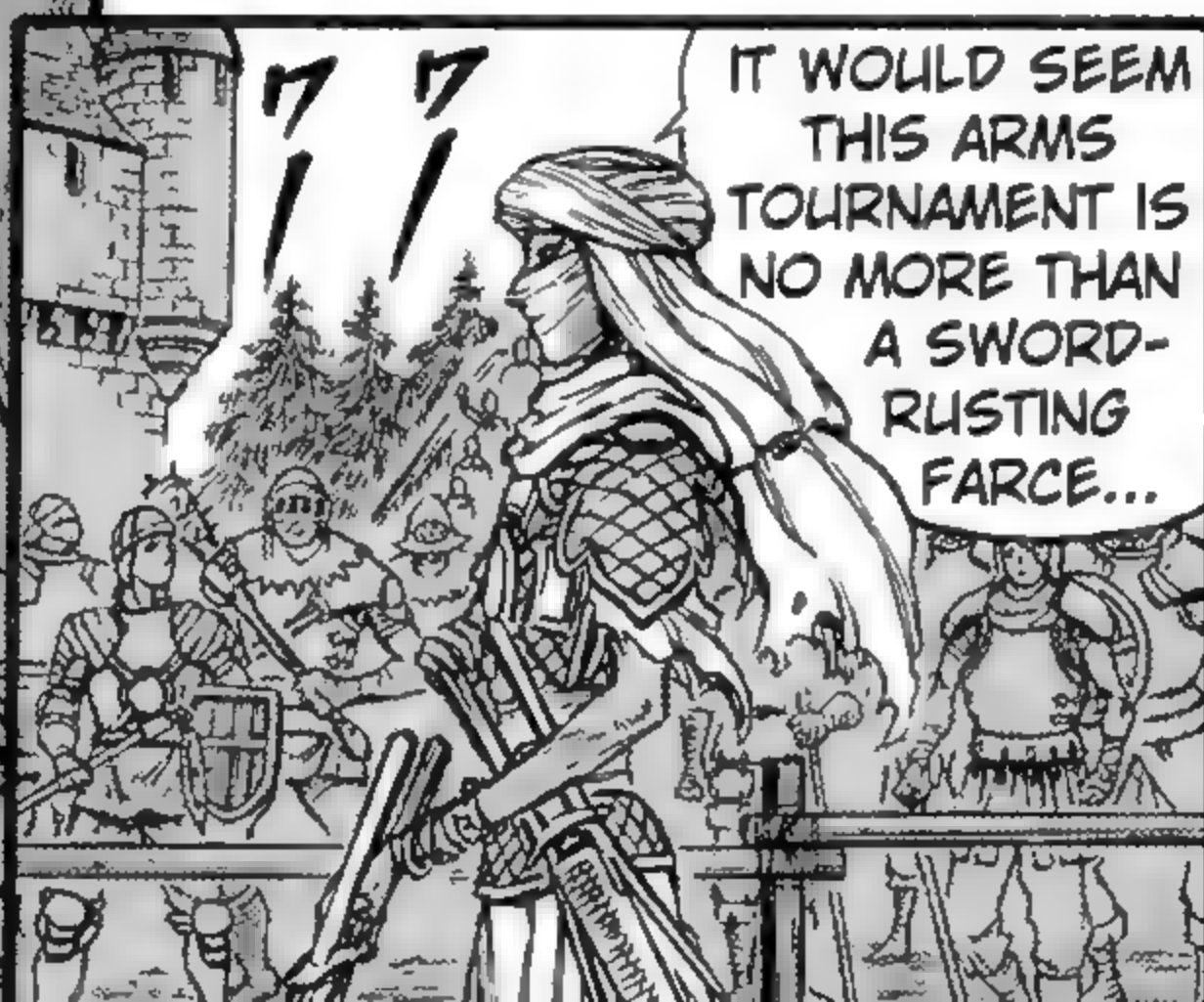
IT SEEMS
CERTAIN
HE WILL
WIN THE
TOURNAMENT
THIS TIME.

OH!!
THAT
TURBAN
MAN
DID
IT!!



...I FEEL
SLIGHTLY
PUT OUT.

HMMMM,
STILL...FOR
A FOREIGNER
TO WIN WITH
SO LITTLE
OPPOSITION...



IT WOULD SEEM
THIS ARMS
TOURNAMENT IS
NO MORE THAN
A SWORD-
RUSTING
FARCE...



WHO'S
THAT
MAN...?



H-HEY, PAL...I'M
NEXT. WAIT YOUR
TURN, OKAY?



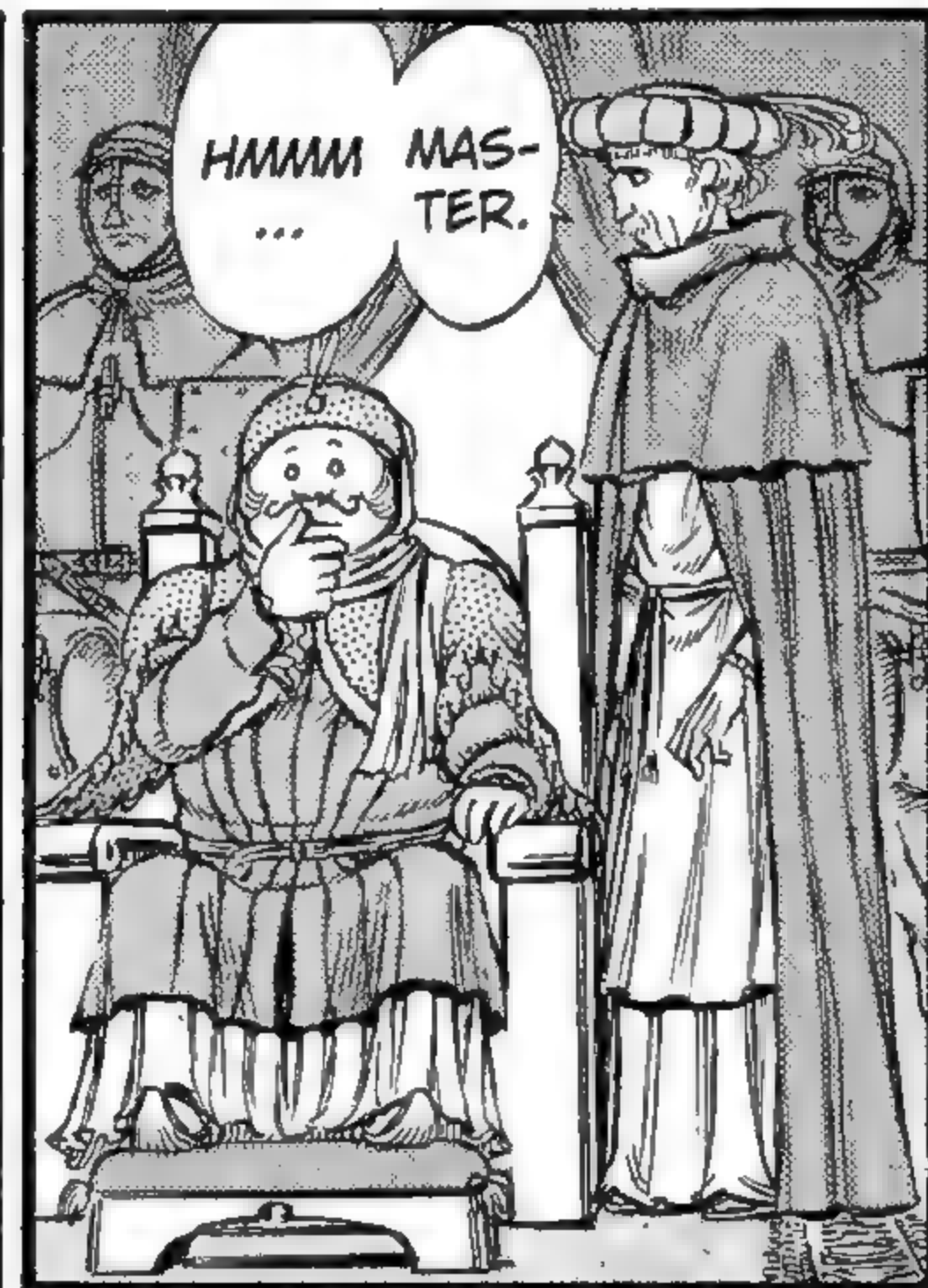
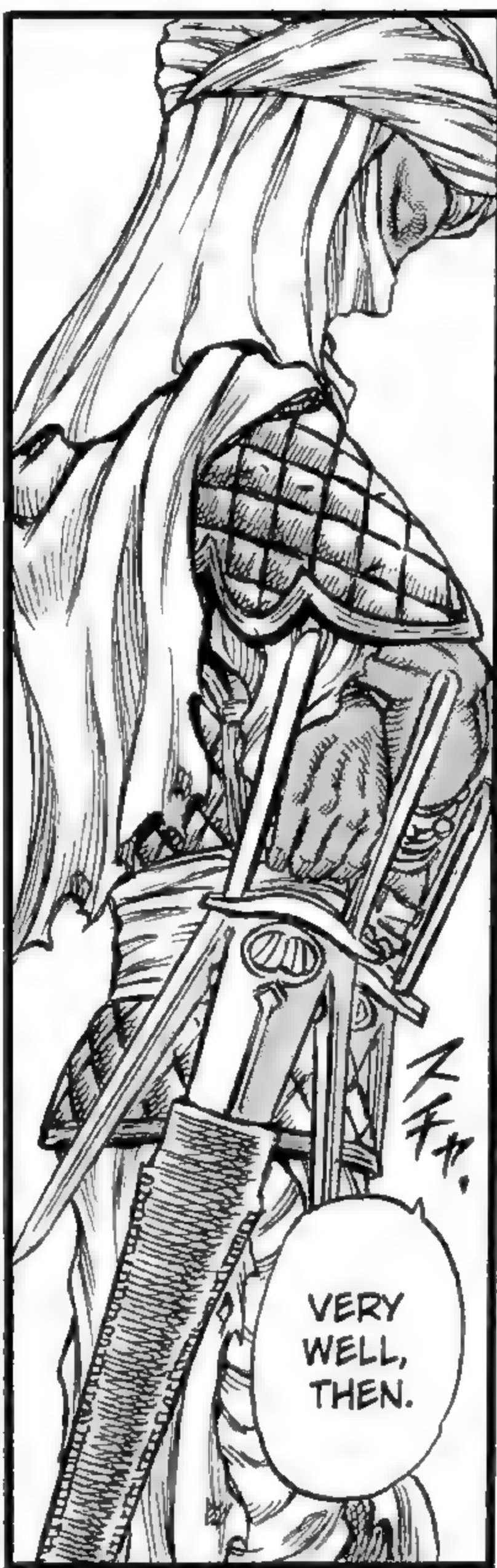
WHADDA
YA SAY,
WANNA
HAVE
A GO?

SO, FROM WHERE
I WAS STANDIN',
IT LOOKED LIKE
YOU WANTED TO
FIGHT SOMEBODY
TOUGHER.

UM,
HEY
...



IT LOOKS OPEN TO ME.
DON'T GET SO WOUND UP,
THIS IS A FESTIVAL.





BUT
SIDESHOW
OR NOT,
YOU
SOUGHT
THIS
YOURSELF!

TAKE
YOUR
STANCE!!

I ASSUME
YOU'RE
PREPARED.



WHAT...
YOU'LL
USE NO
STANCE?

COME
ON...
ANY
TIME.



SOUNDS
PRETTY
SENSIBLE,
WHAT WITH
THAT NARROW-
MINDEDNESS
OR WHATEVER
YOU SAID.

DON'T
SWEAT THE
DETAILS.
THIS IS A
FESTIVAL
AFTER ALL.



...VERY
WELL.



!



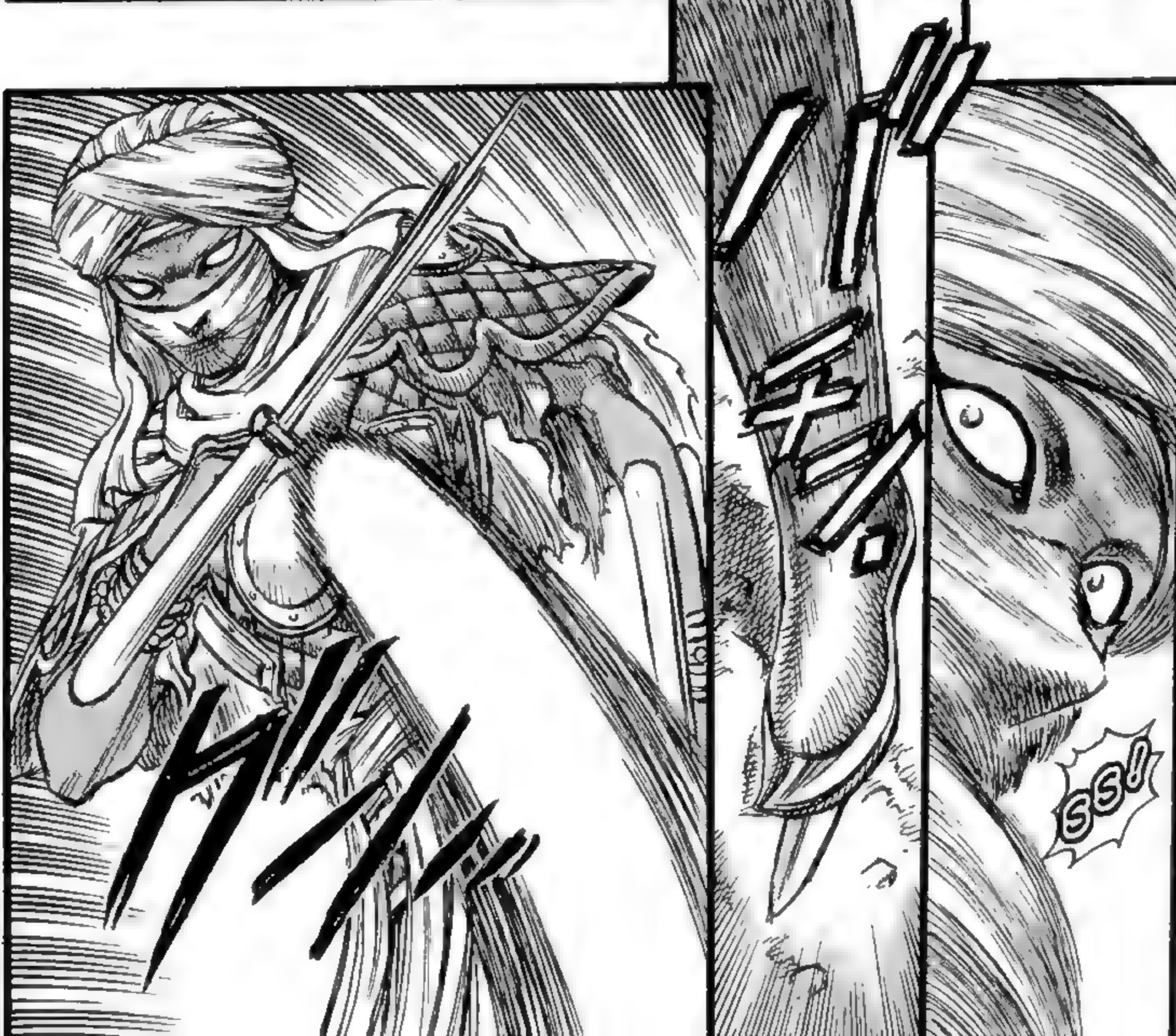
YOU MEAN TO WIN BY USING THAT
FREAKISHLY MASSIVE SWORD
TO KEEP ME AT A DISTANCE.
BUT THEN, YOUR STYLE OF
SWORDPLAY CAN'T RESTRAIN
MY MOVEMENTS.



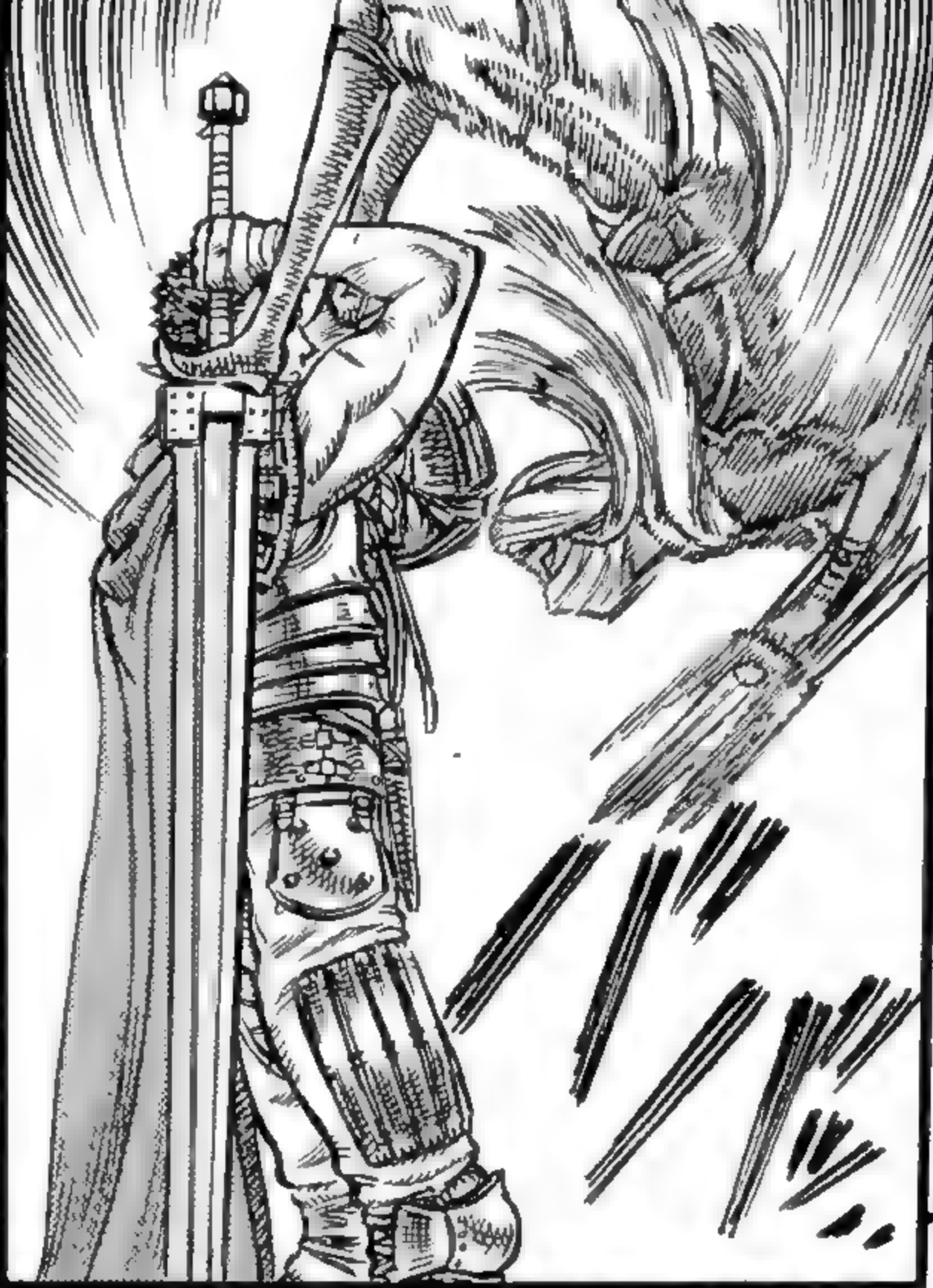
...IS A
RATHER
BORING
THING.

A
FESTIVAL
WITHOUT
BLOOD...









BOTH
HANDS
ARE
BARRED!!



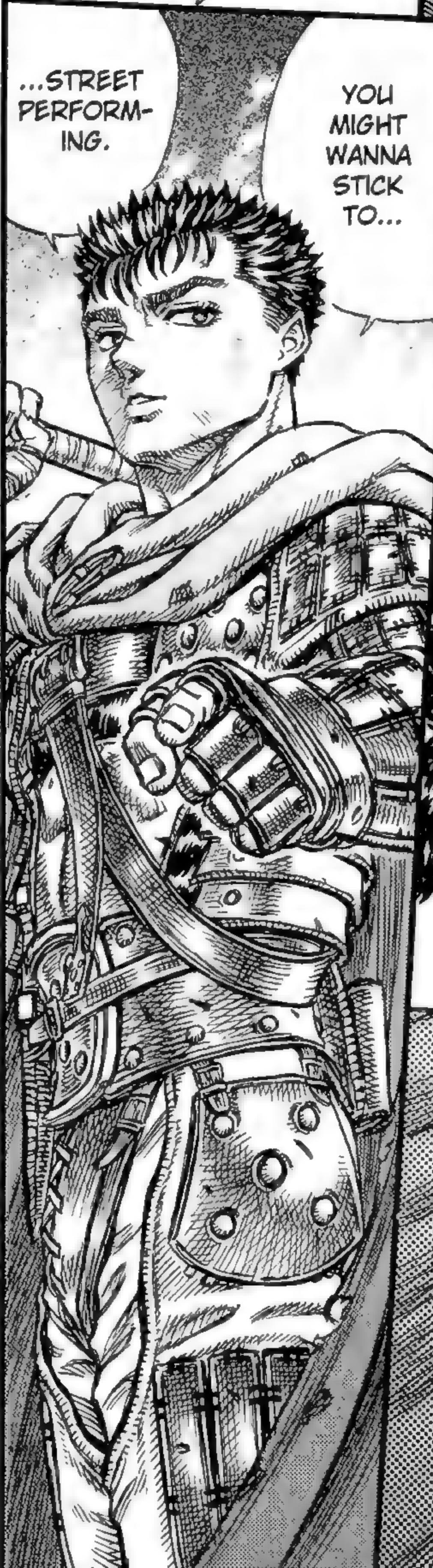
ENGARRRDE!





...STREET
PERFORM-
ING.

YOU
MIGHT
WANNA
STICK
TO...

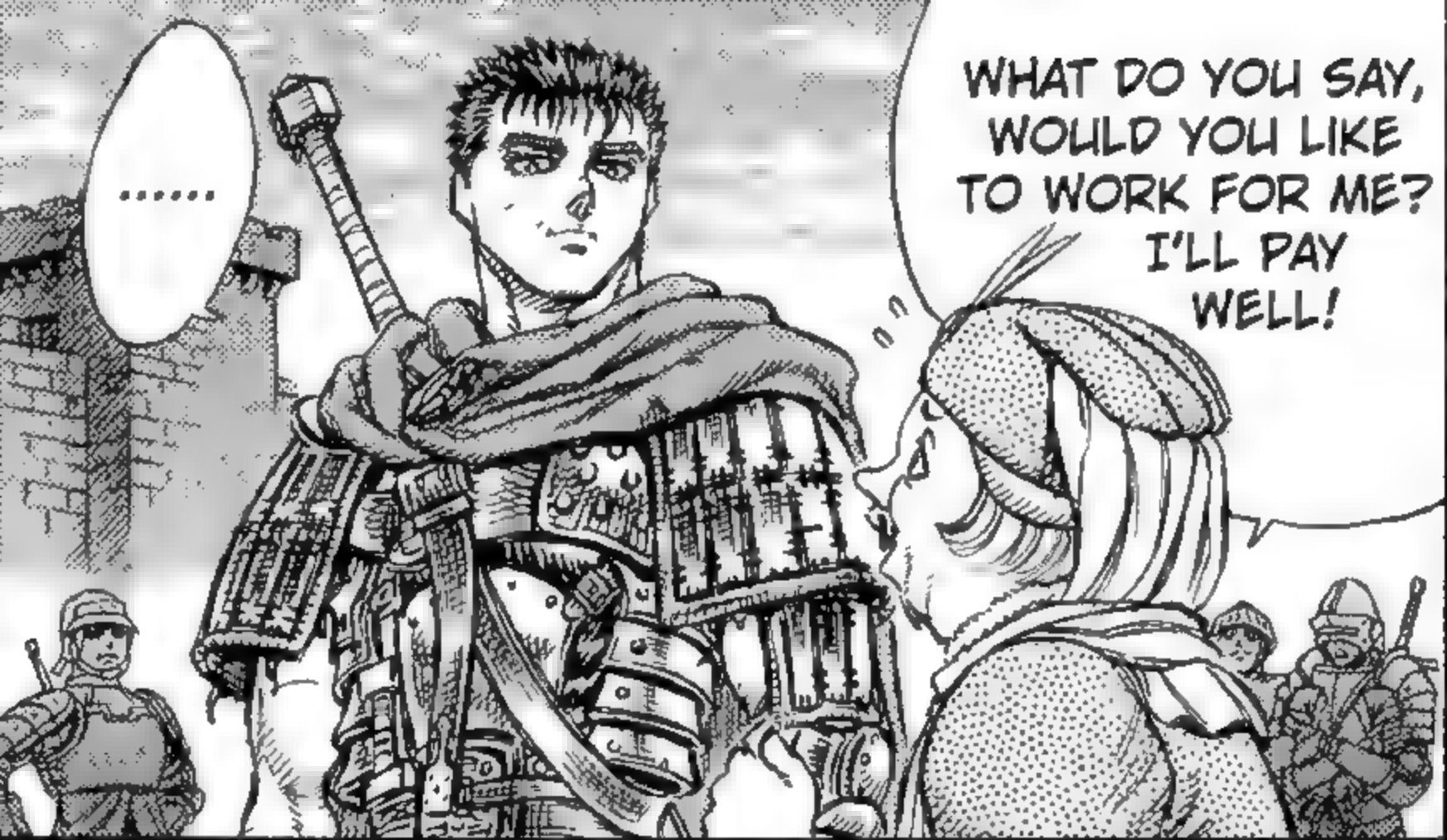


HE
DID
IT!!

HO-
HOO!!

DO
YOU
MIND...





WHAT DO YOU SAY,
WOULD YOU LIKE
TO WORK FOR ME?
I'LL PAY
WELL!



IMPRES-
SIVE...
MOST
IMPRES-
SIVE!

HEYYY,
YOU
THERE!



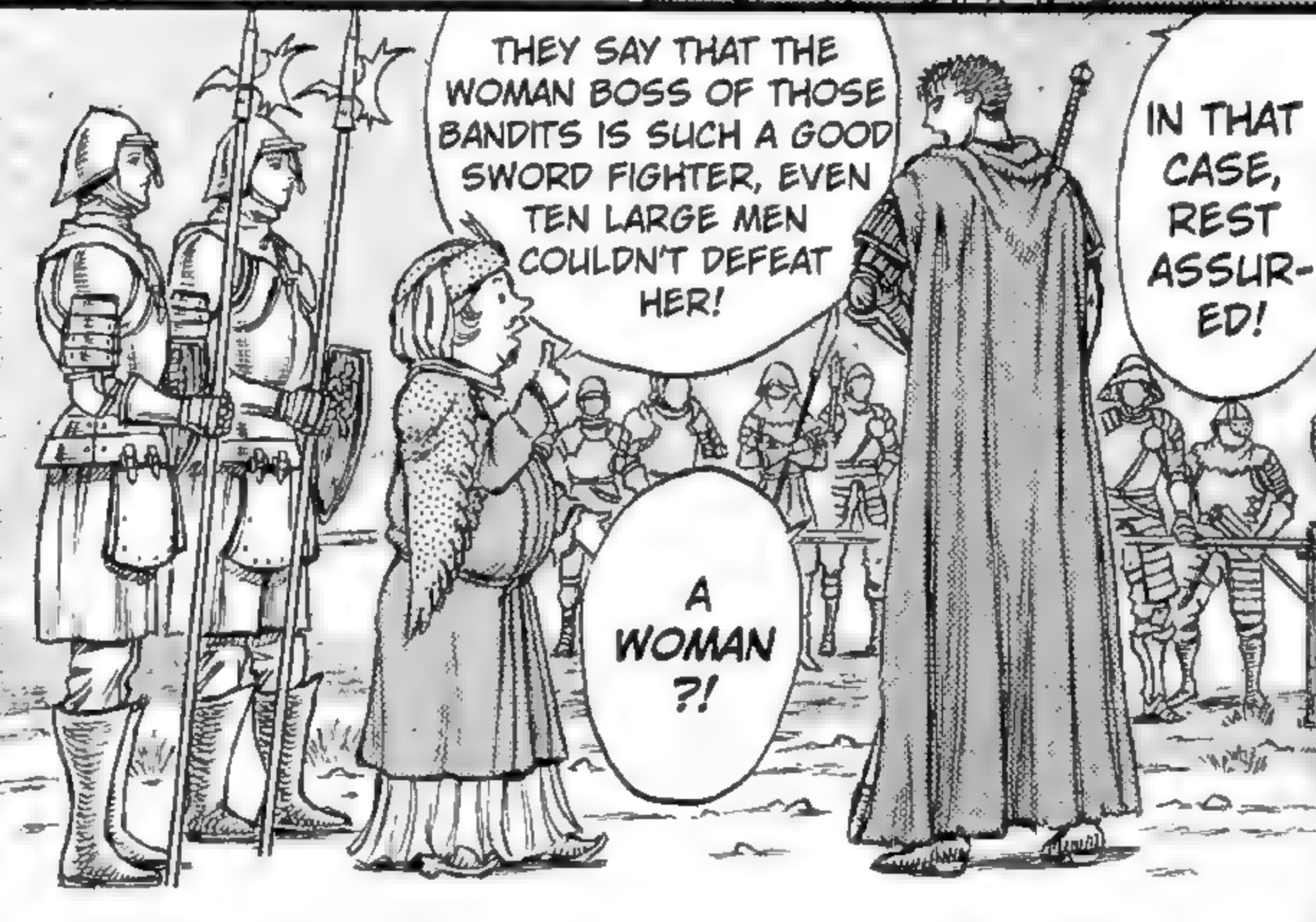
THIS
TOURNAMENT
WAS ALSO
TO RALLY
SOLDIERS
FOR THAT.

BEFORE
LONG,
THERE'S
TO BE A
LARGE-
SCALE
ROBBER
HUNT
INSIDE MY
TERRITORY.



I JUST
WANNA
TRY MY
HAND AT
STRONG
OPPONENTS.

SORRY,
I'M NOT
INTERESTED.



THEY SAY THAT THE
WOMAN BOSS OF THOSE
BANDITS IS SUCH A GOOD
SWORD FIGHTER, EVEN
TEN LARGE MEN
COULDN'T DEFEAT
HER!

IN THAT
CASE,
REST
ASSUR-
ED!

A
WOMAN
?!



HNNN,
WELL,
SOMETHIN'
LIKE THAT
...

HOHO, ARE
YOU ON
PEREGRIN-
ATION*?

*A
KNIGHT
ON A
JOURNEY
FOR THE
SAKE OF
LEARNING/
TRAINING.





THE FUGITIVES



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逃亡者たち



HEE
HEE
HEE
...

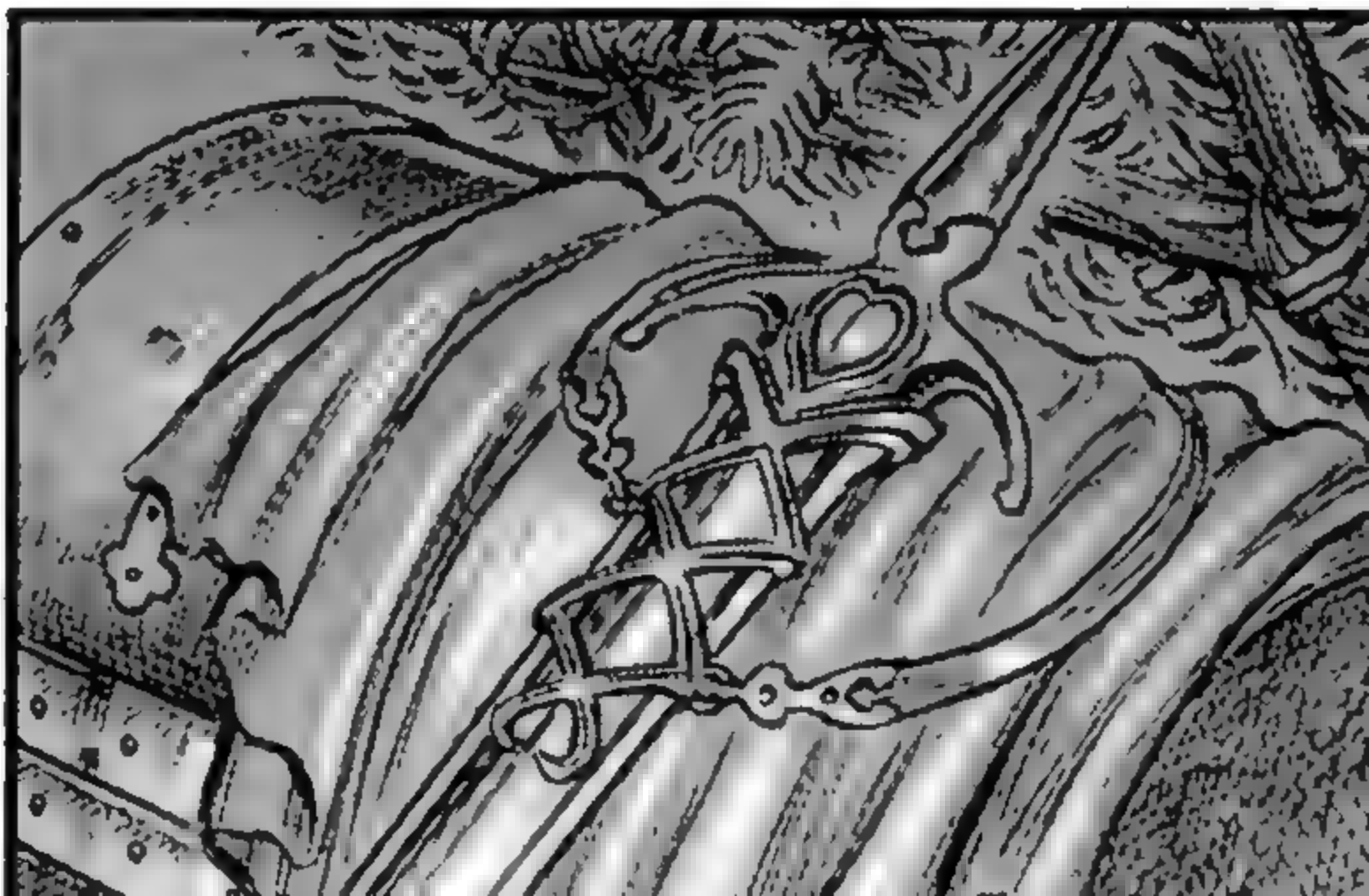
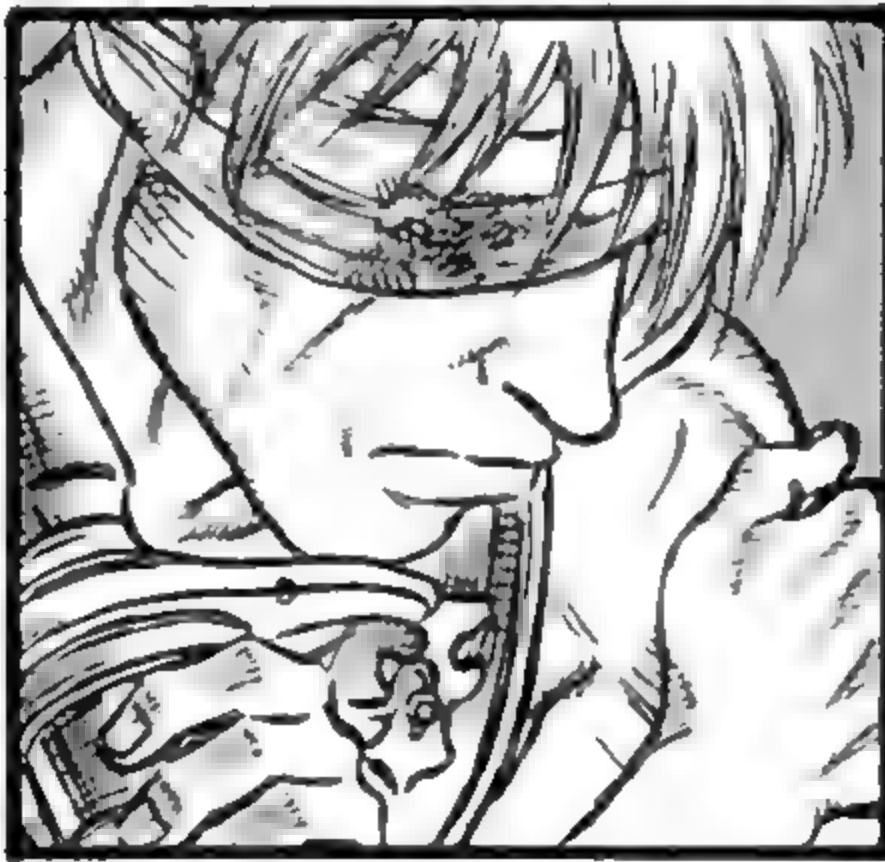
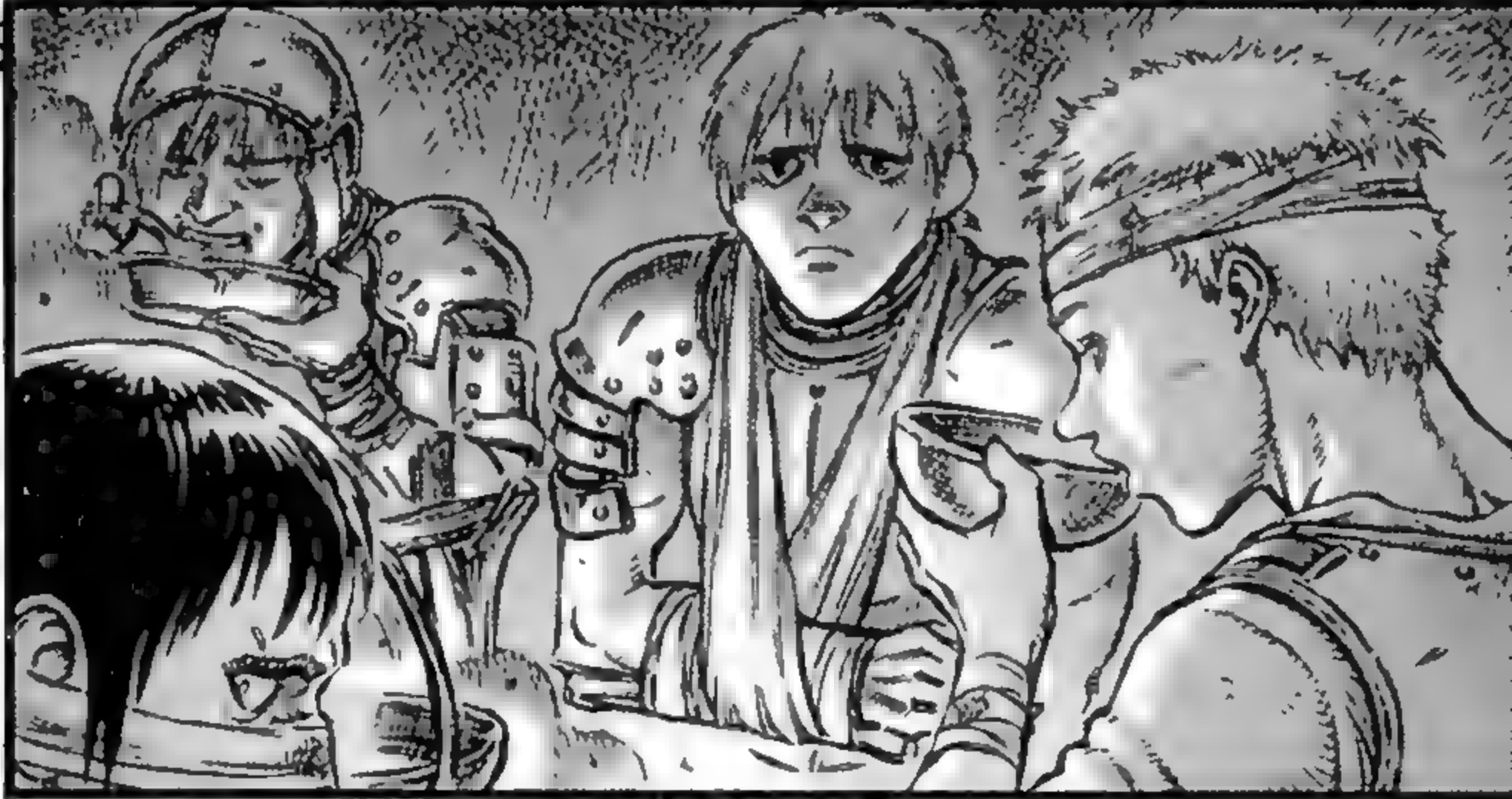
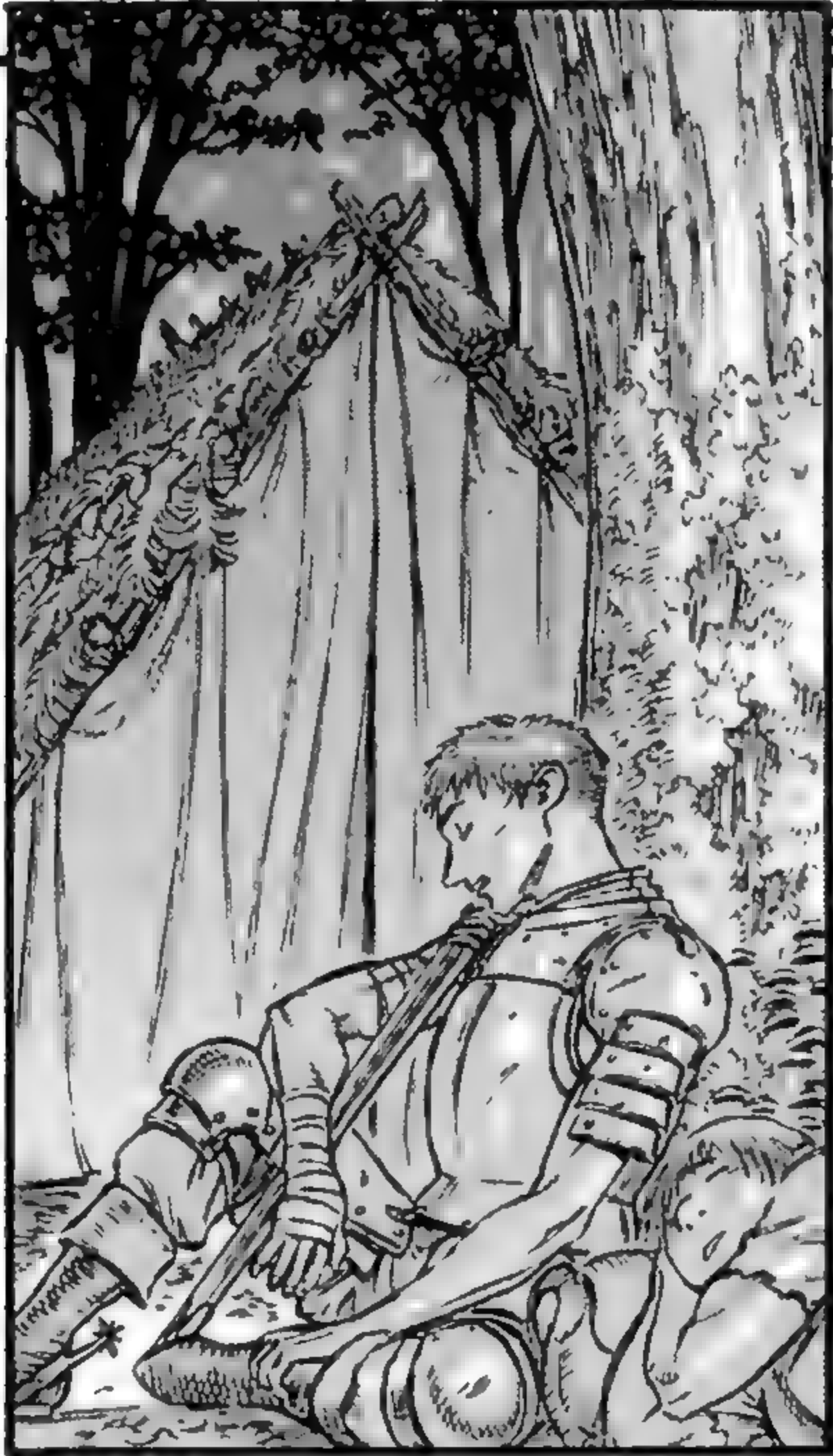
HEH
EH...

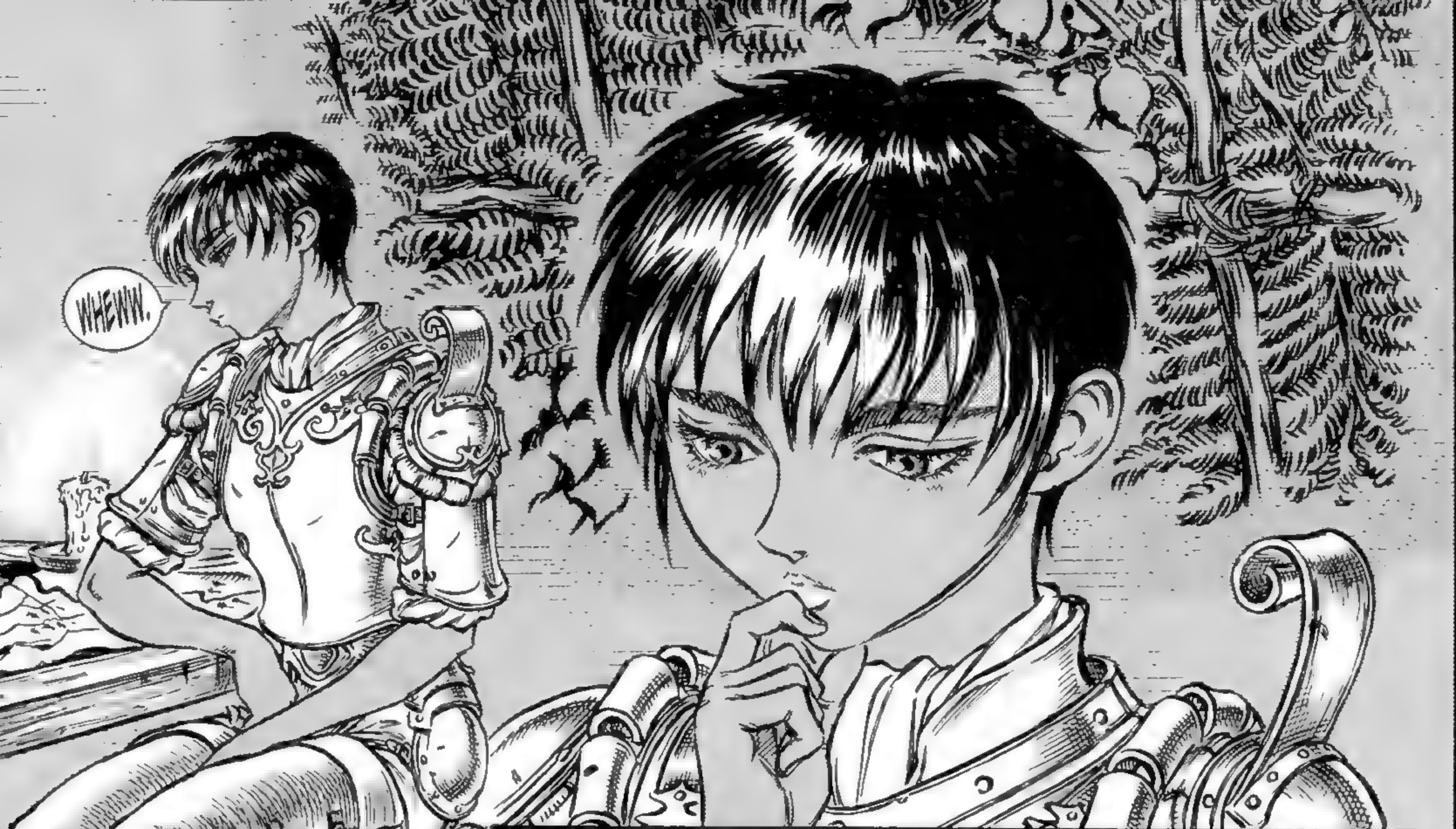


WE
FINALLY
FOUND
IT...

THE
HAWKS'
HIDEOUT
...



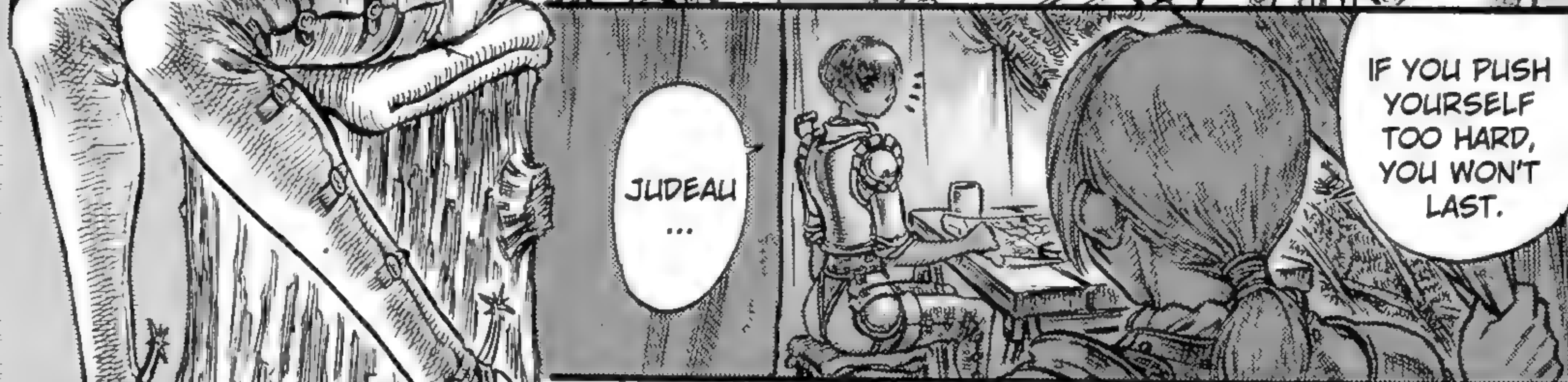




WHEWWW.

JUDEAU
...

IF YOU PUSH
YOURSELF
TOO HARD,
YOU WON'T
LAST.



I
KNOW.

EVERYONE'S
WORN OUT
FROM LIVING
SO LONG AS
FUGITIVES. IF
YOU WERE TO
COLLAPSE
NOW...

...BUT YOU'RE
ESSENTIALLY
THE BAND OF
THE HAWK'S
LEADER
NOW.

I
KNOW
HOW
YOU
FEEL...



WORD
JUST CAME
BACK FROM
THE GROUP
WE SLIPPED
INTO
WINDHAM.

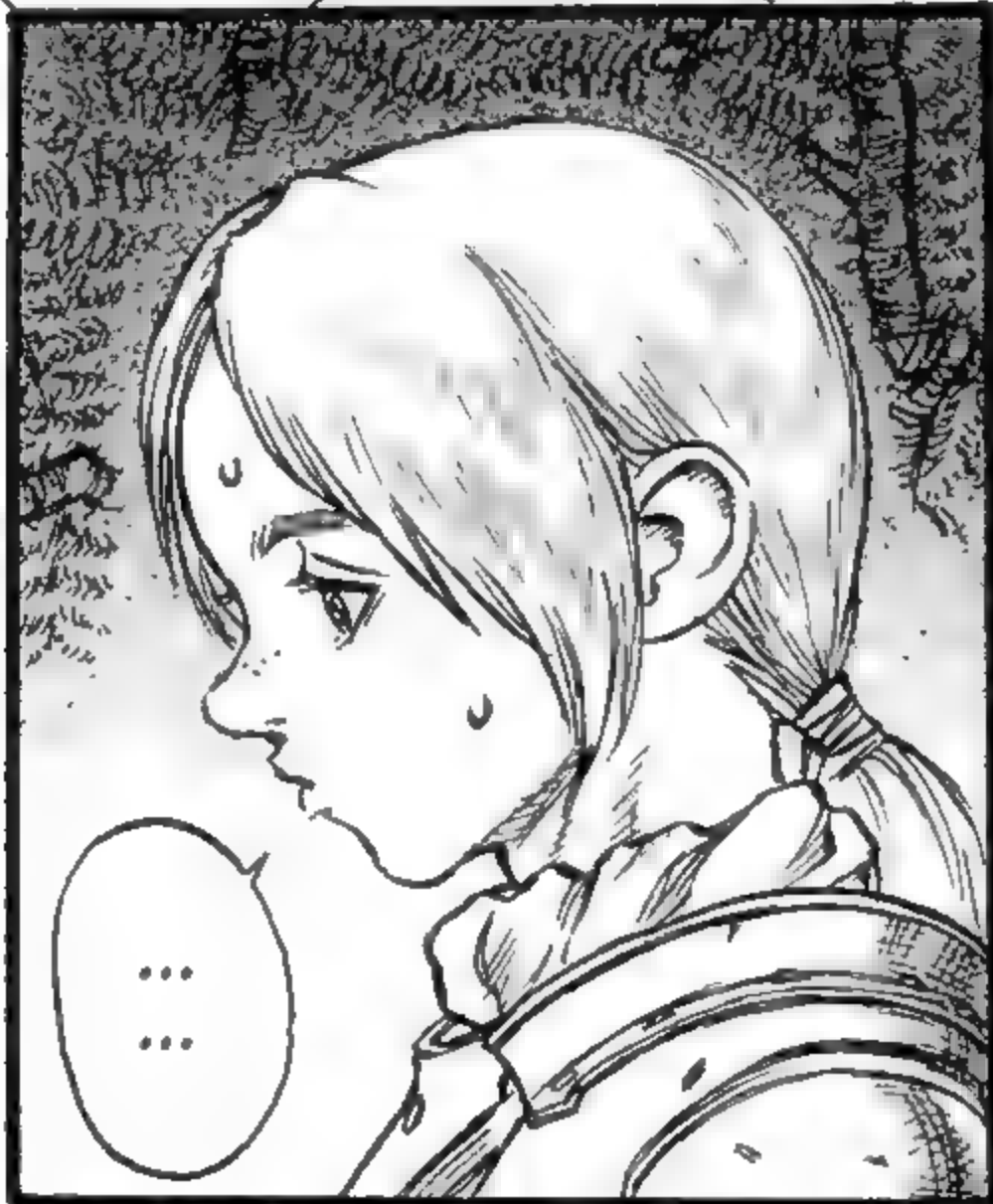
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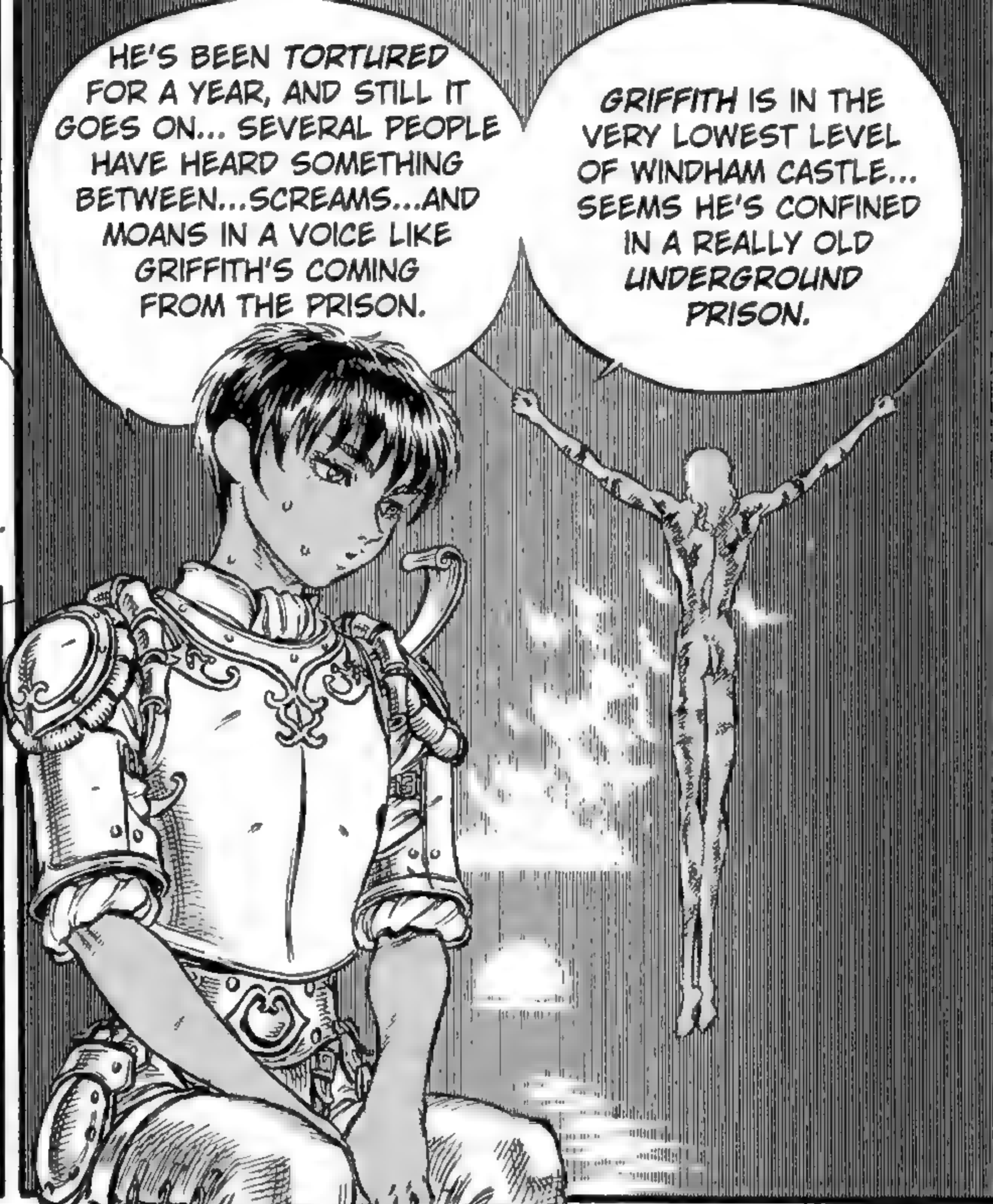


...EVEN
THAT'S
COME TO
AN END...

BUT
IN THE
PAST
MONTH...



...



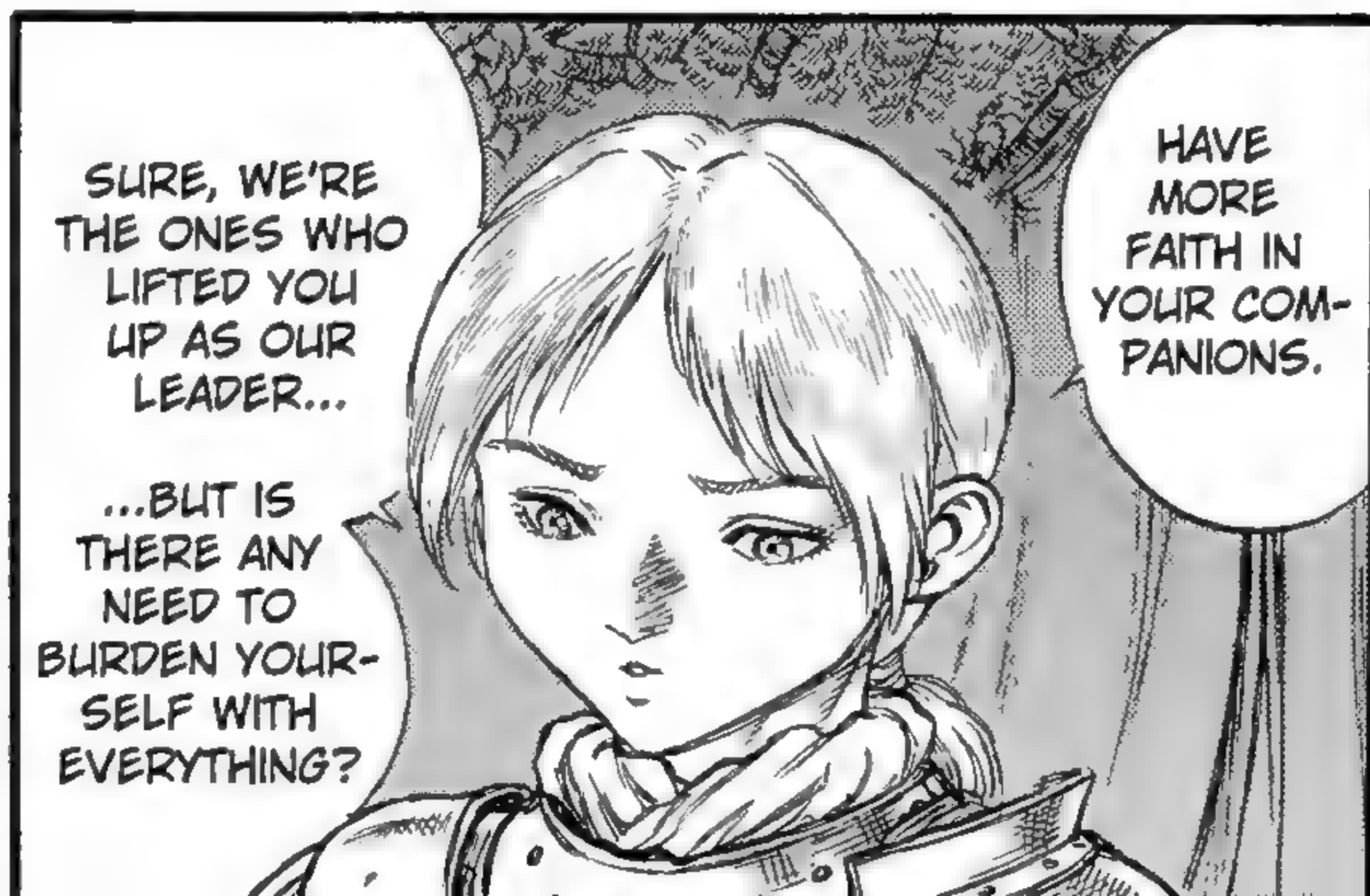
HE'S BEEN TORTURED
FOR A YEAR, AND STILL IT
GOES ON... SEVERAL PEOPLE
HAVE HEARD SOMETHING
BETWEEN...SCREAMS...AND
MOANS IN A VOICE LIKE
GRIFFITH'S COMING
FROM THE PRISON.

GRIFFITH IS IN THE
VERY LOWEST LEVEL
OF WINDHAM CASTLE...
SEEMS HE'S CONFINED
IN A REALLY OLD
UNDERGROUND
PRISON.



IF
WE
DON'T
HURRY...

EVERYONE'S
AT THE PEAK
OF EXHAUSTION.
WE CAN'T TAKE
MUCH MORE
OF THIS
FUGITIVE
LIFE.



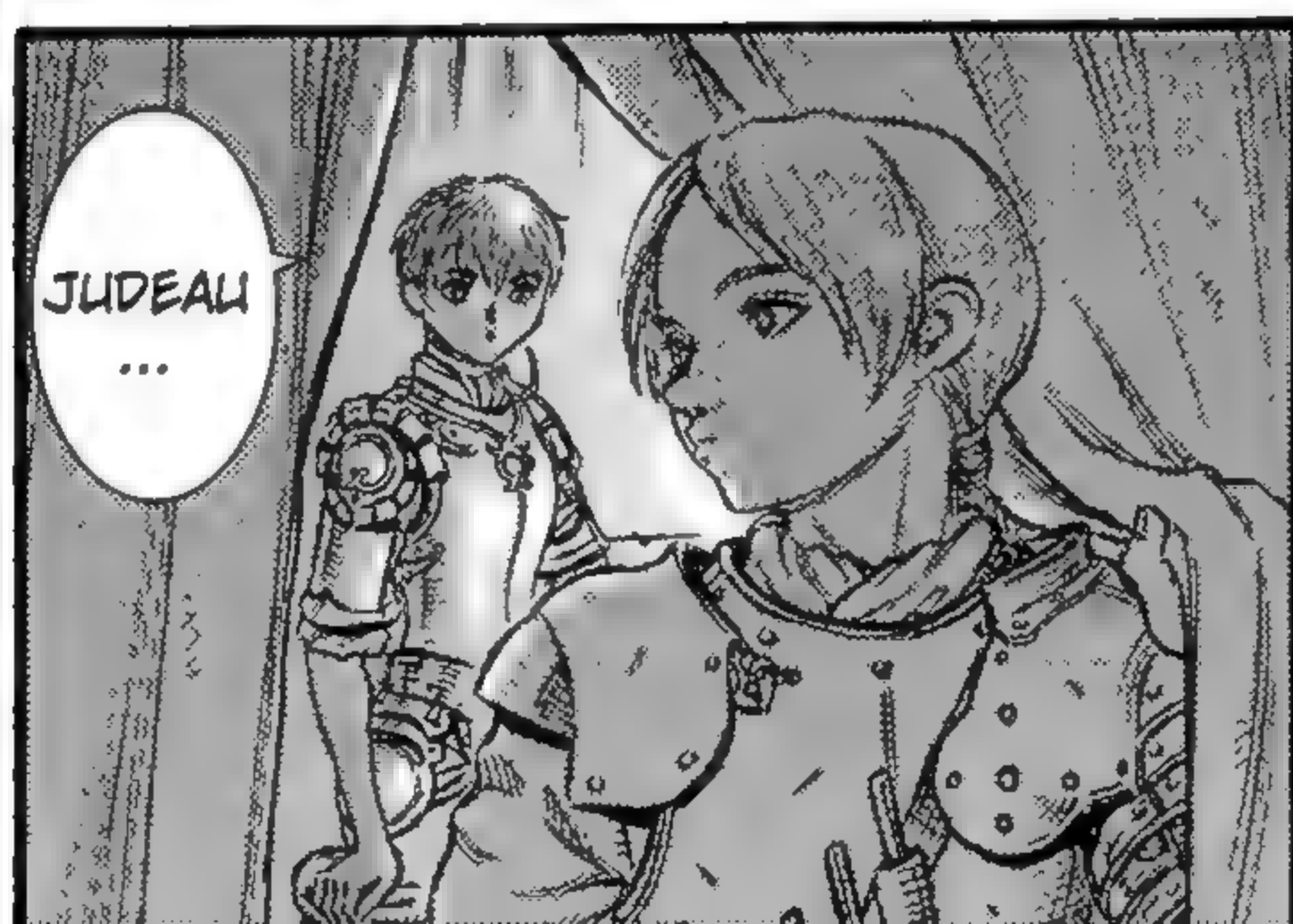
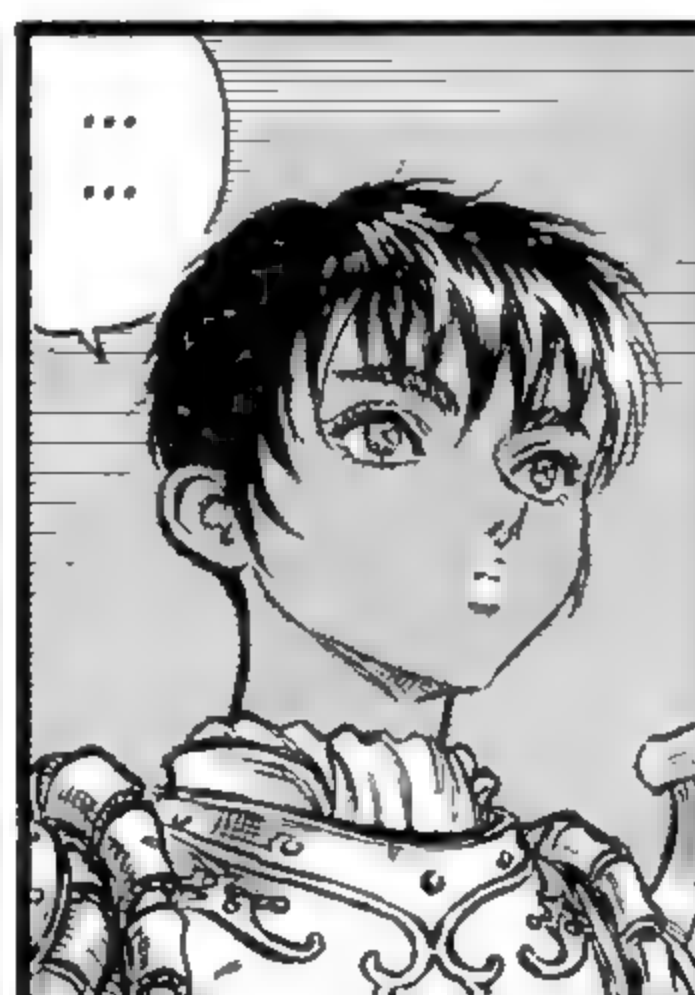
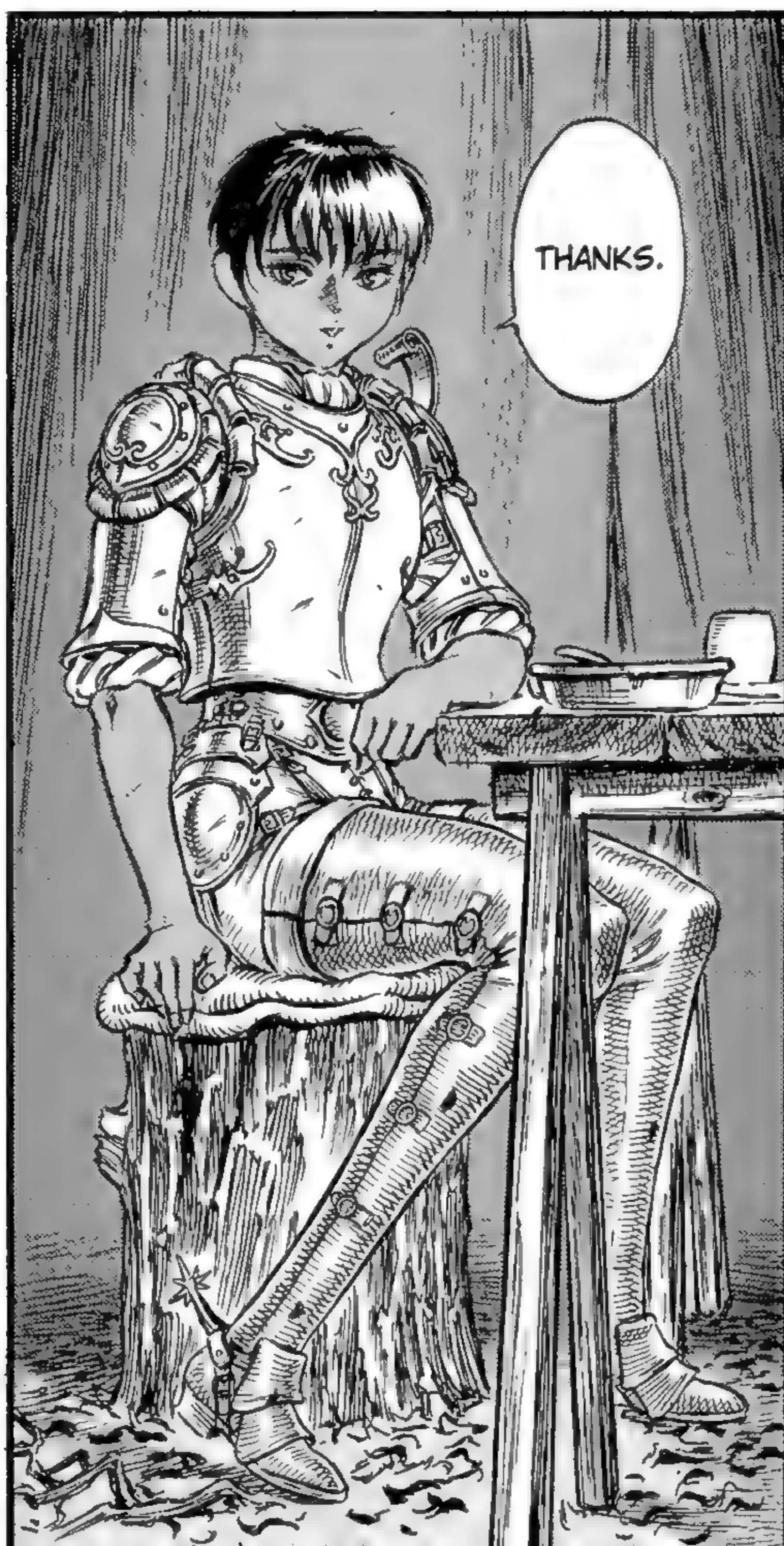
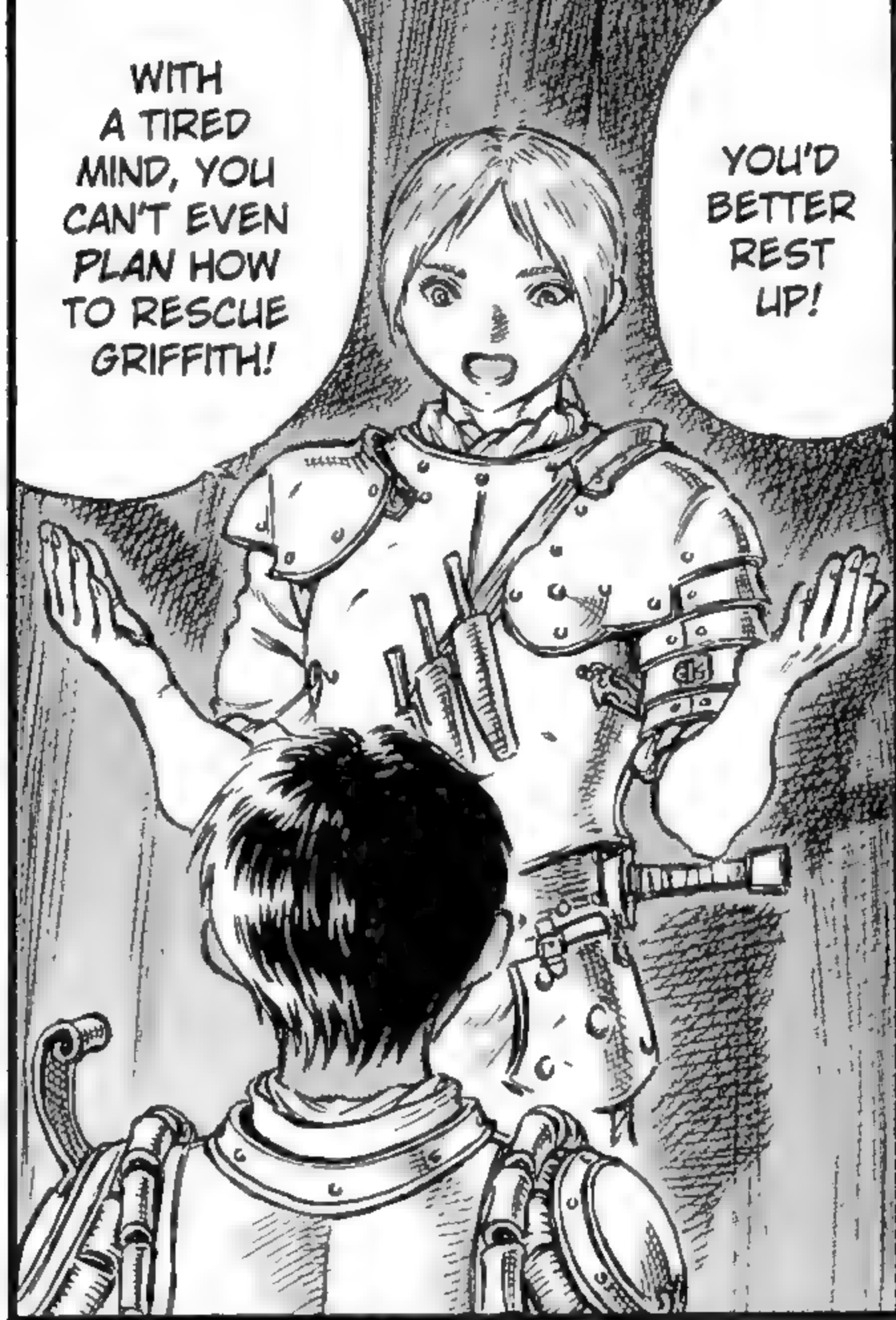
SURE, WE'RE
THE ONES WHO
LIFTED YOU
UP AS OUR
LEADER...

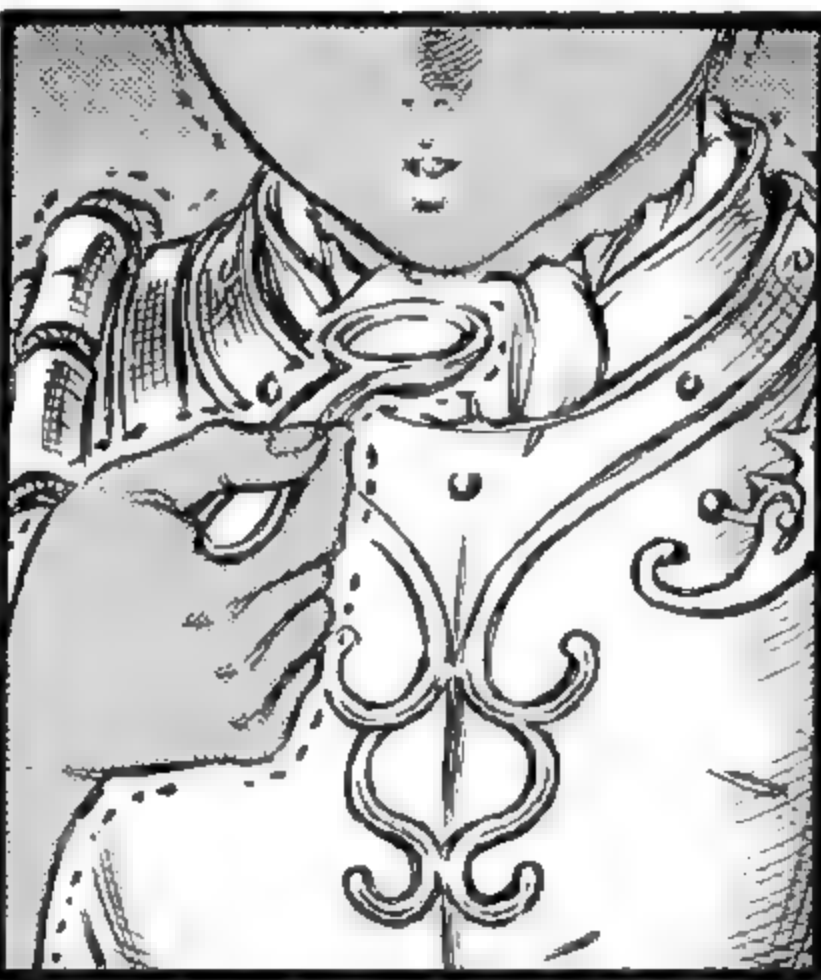
...BUT IS
THERE ANY
NEED TO
BURDEN YOUR-
SELF WITH
EVERYTHING?

HAVE
MORE
FAITH IN
YOUR COM-
PANIONS.



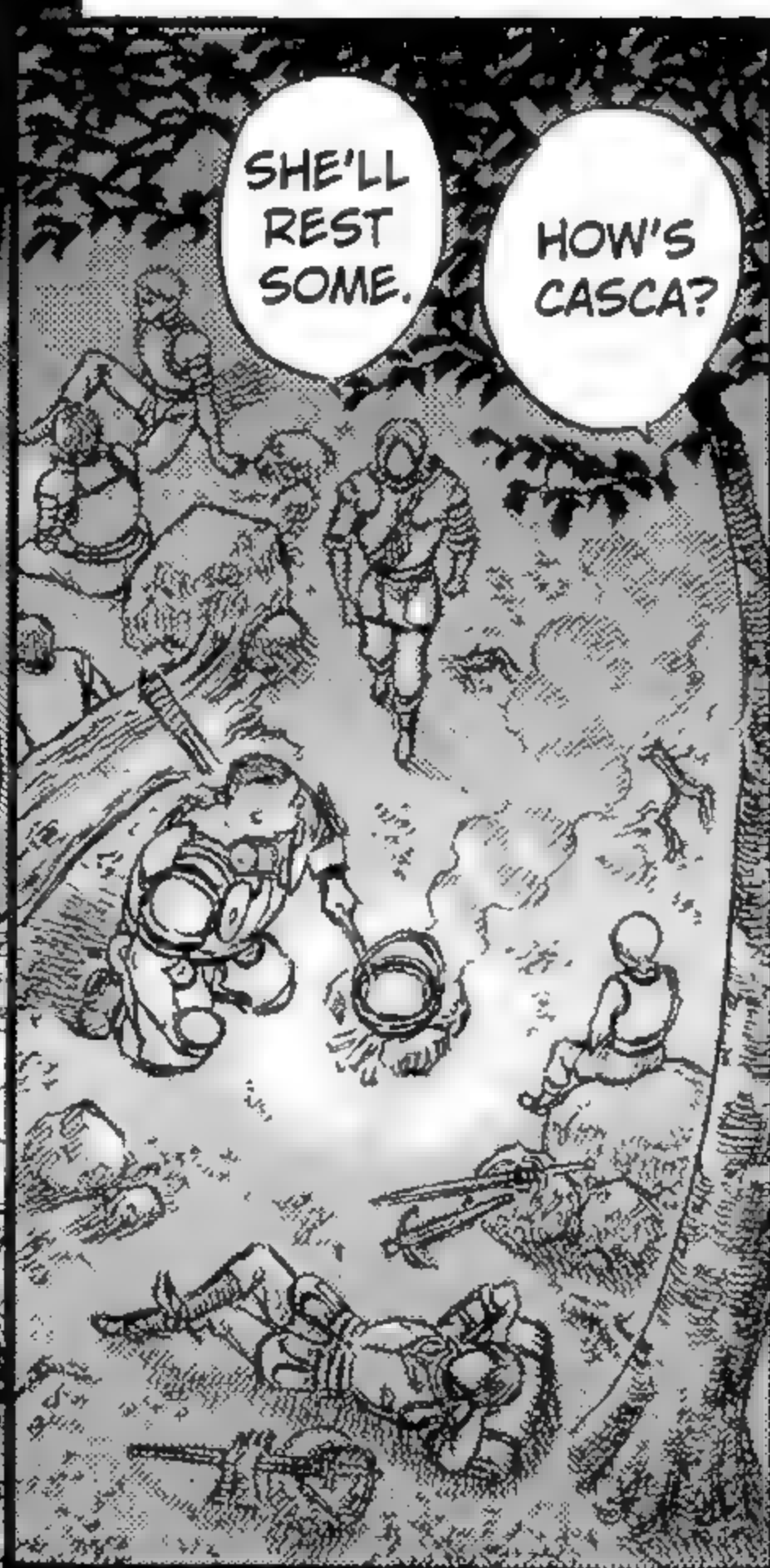
HAVE
FAITH.







THAT'S BEST.
SHE HASN'T
SLEPT AT
ALL LATELY.



SHE'LL
REST
SOME.

HOW'S
CASCA?



SHE'S ACTUALLY DOING
VERY WELL. IF SHE HADN'T
TAKEN COMMAND AT ONCE A
YEAR AGO, THE BAND OF THE
HAWK MIGHT HAVE BEEN
WIPED OUT ON THOSE
HUNTING GROUNDS.



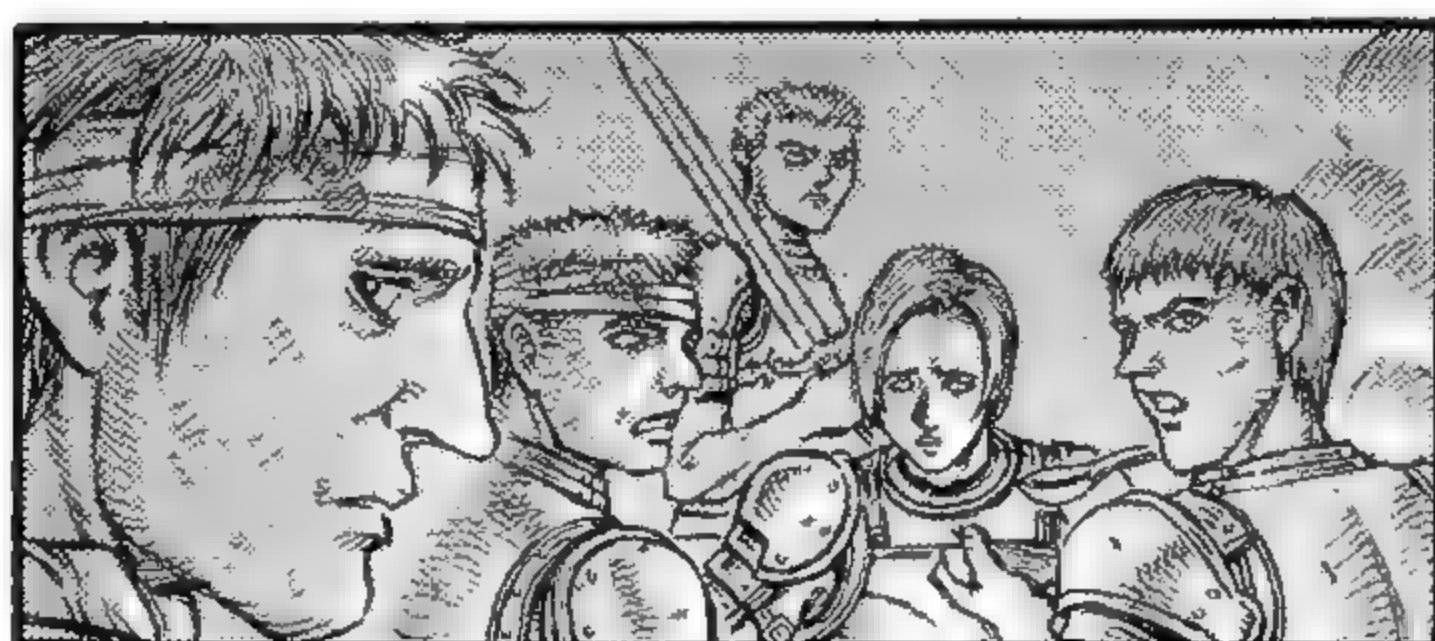
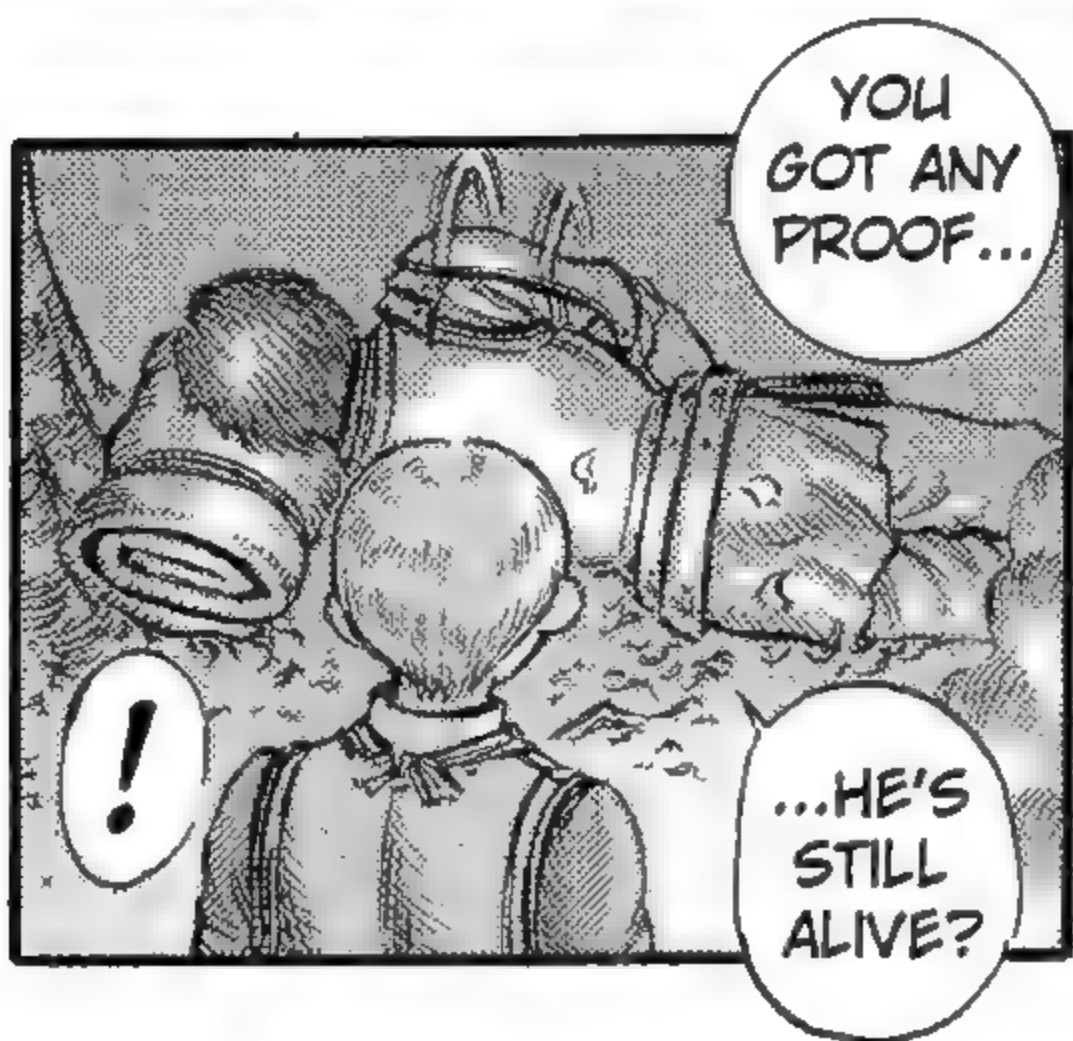
ALL WE'RE
DOIN' IS
RUNNIN'
AROUND
'CAUSE
WE DON'T
WANNA
DIE.

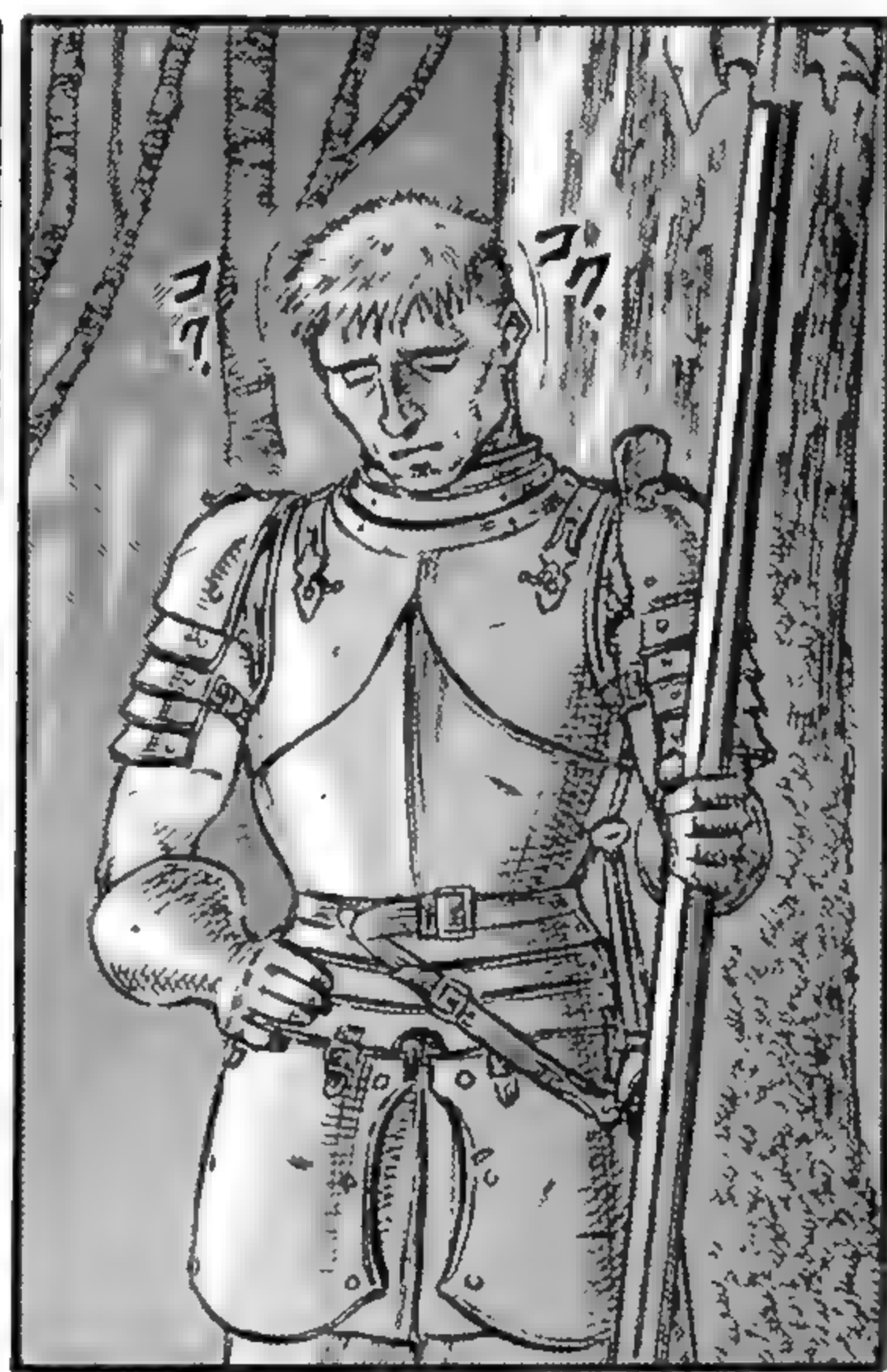
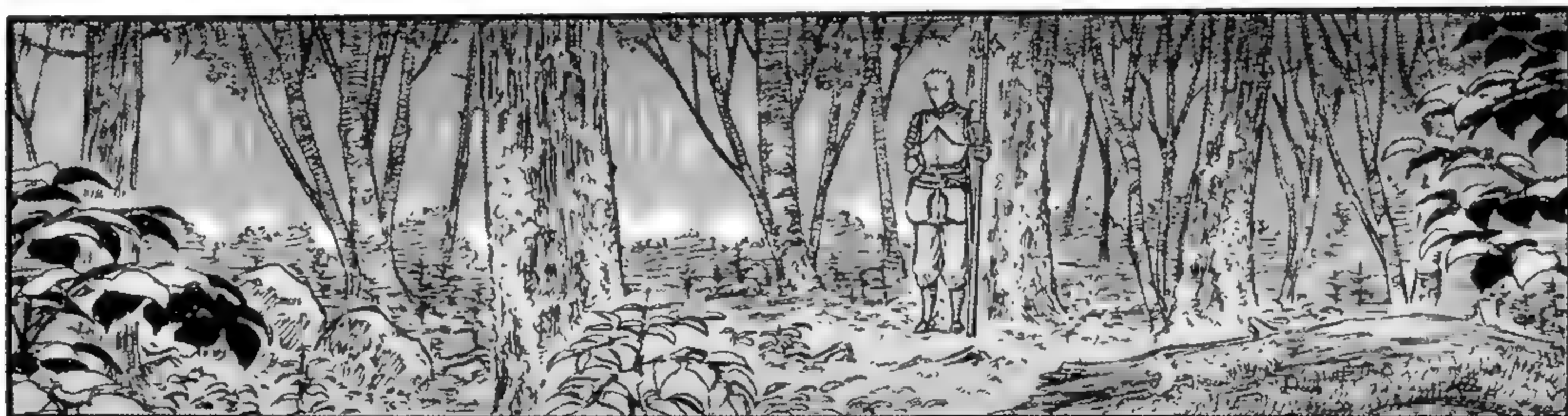
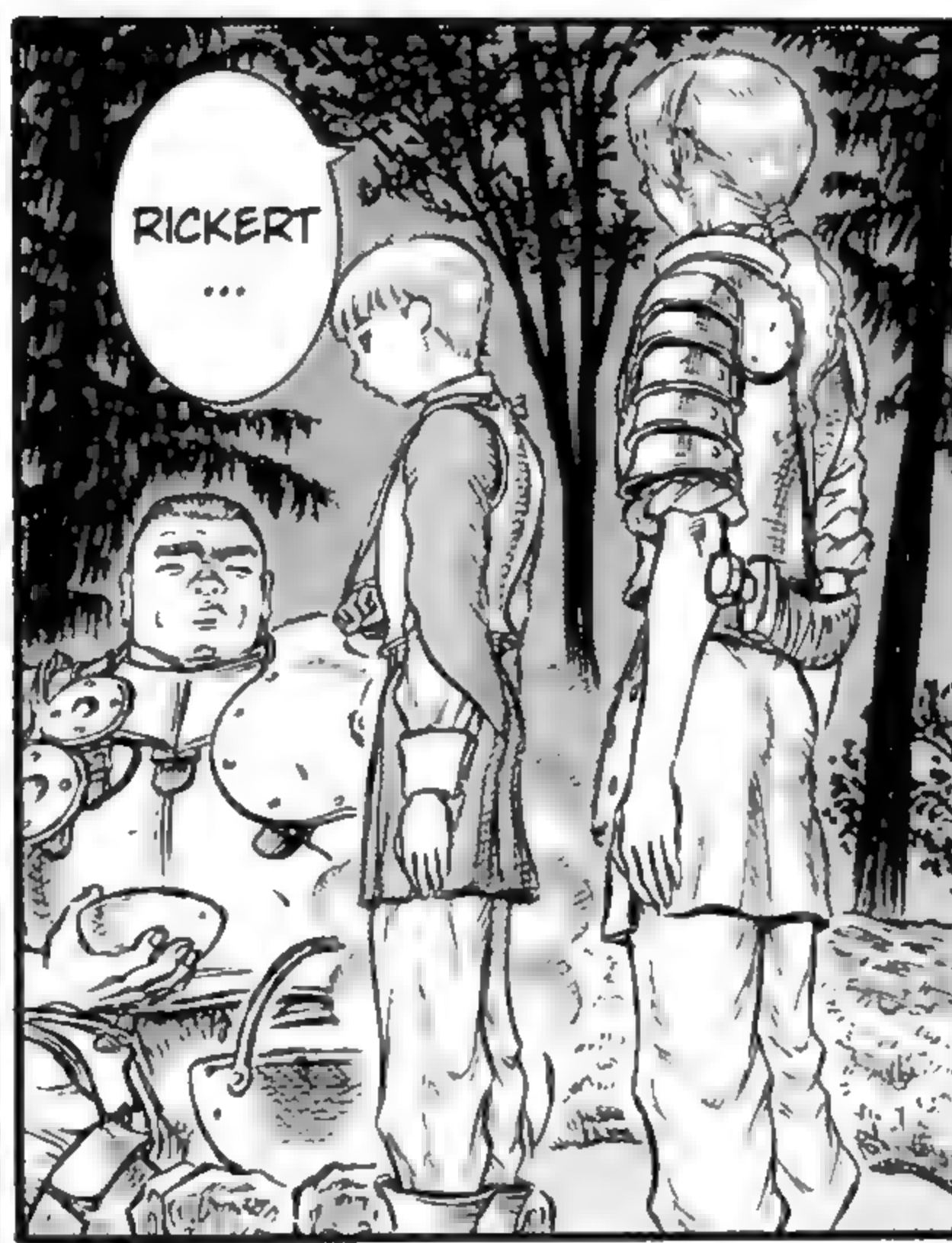
SO
WHAT
IF WE
SURVIVED?

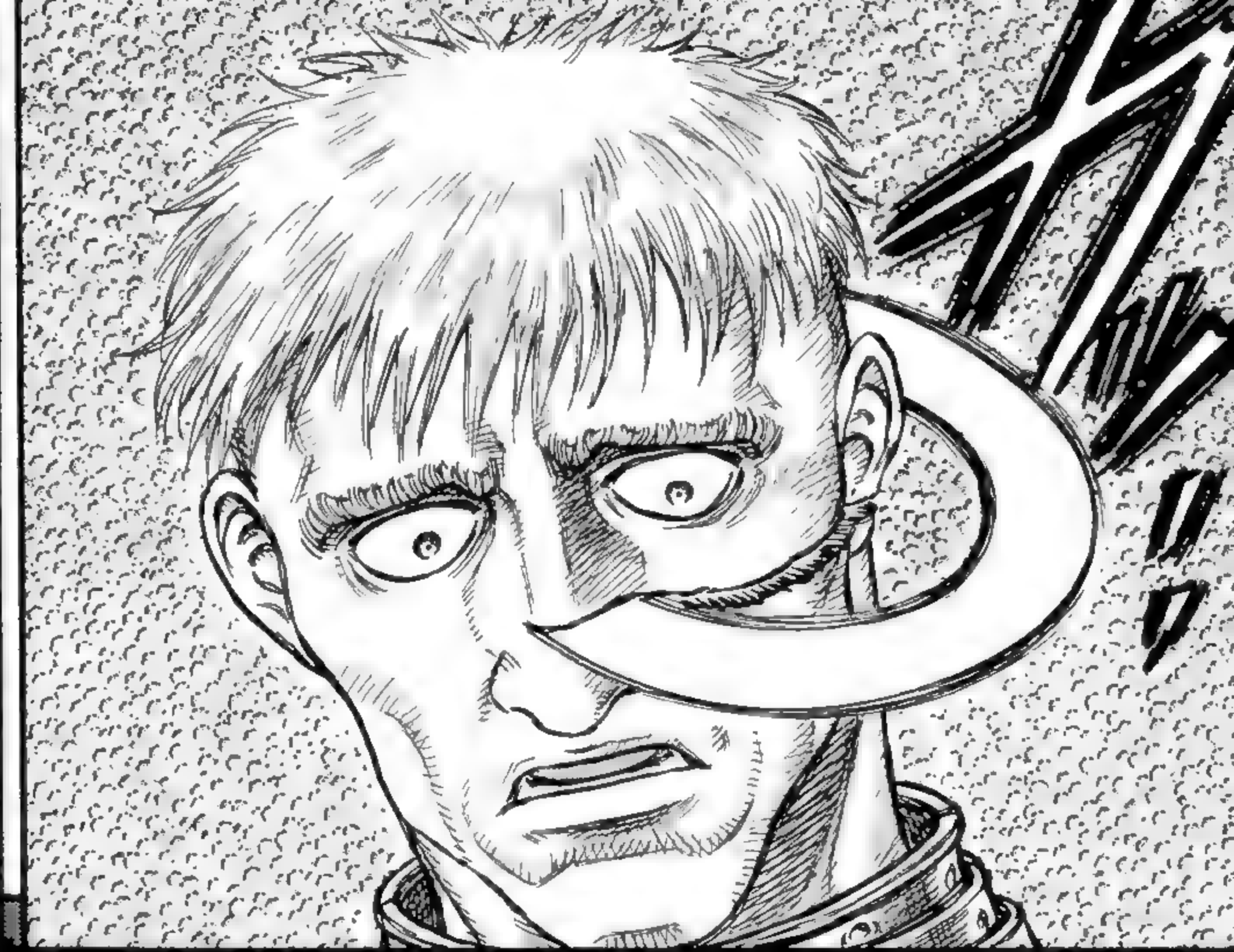
HEHEH...
SURVIVE,
HUH...

...I DON'T
KNOW
WHETHER
EVERYONE
WOULD'VE
SURVIVED
'TIL TODAY
OR NOT.

THAT'S
TRUE...IF
SHE HADN'T
BEEN ACTING
LEADER
AFTER-
WARDS,
TOO...





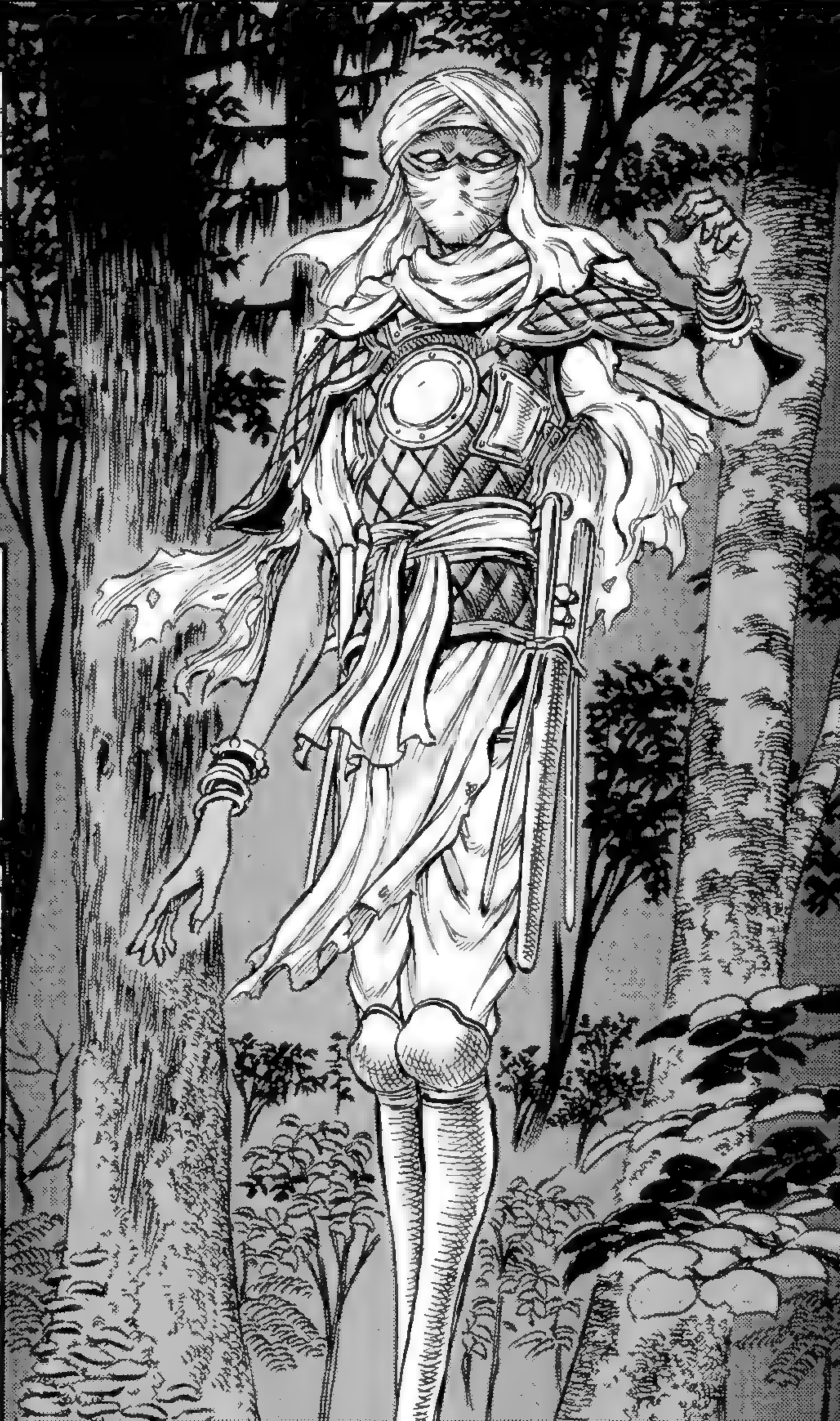


...FOR A
DECENT
RE-
ACTION.

NOT
EVEN
ENOUGH
TIME...

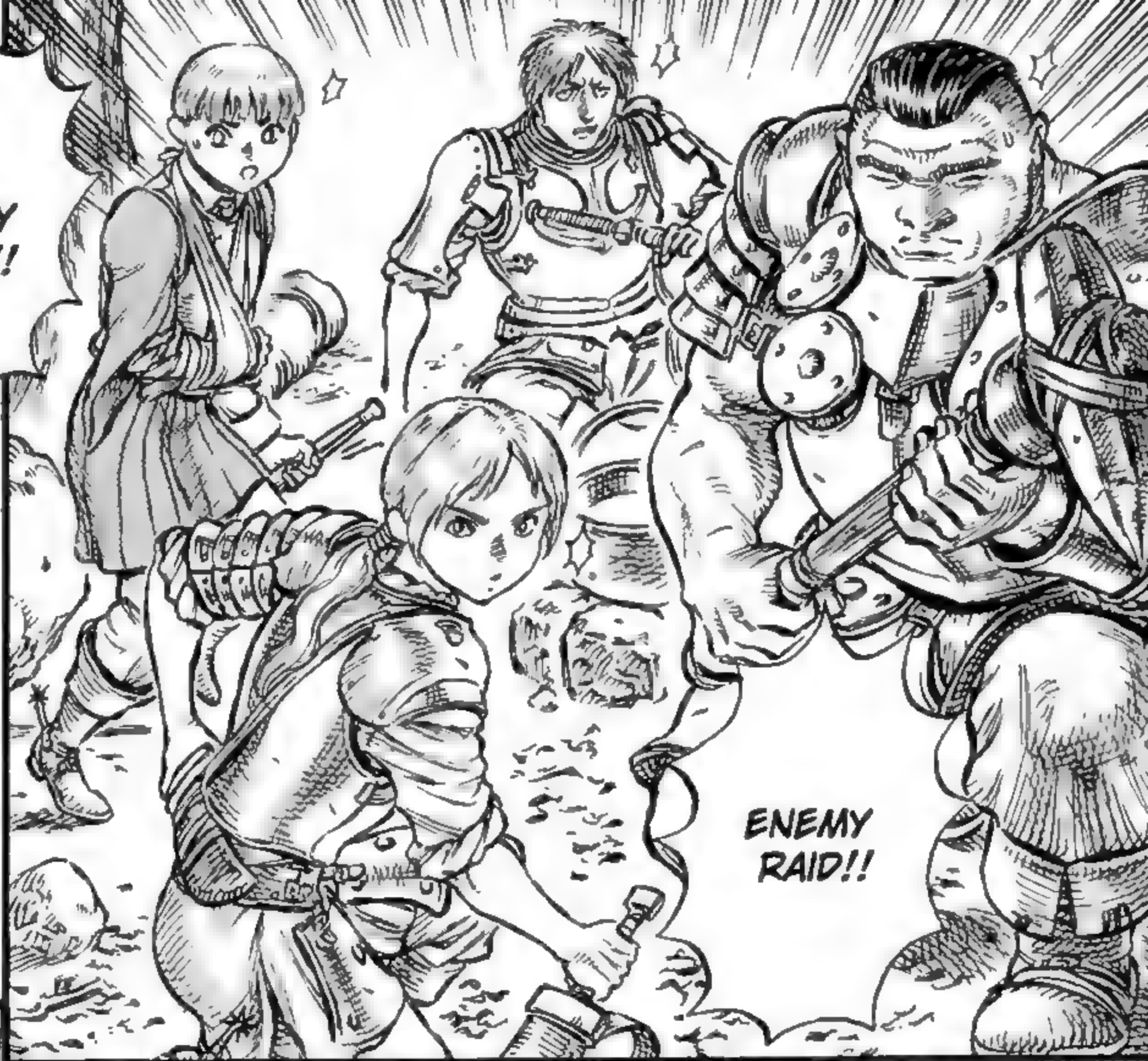


NOW TO SEE IF
THE RENOWNED
BAND OF THE
HAWK REALLY IS
PREY WORTHY OF
MY FIGHTING
ARTS...

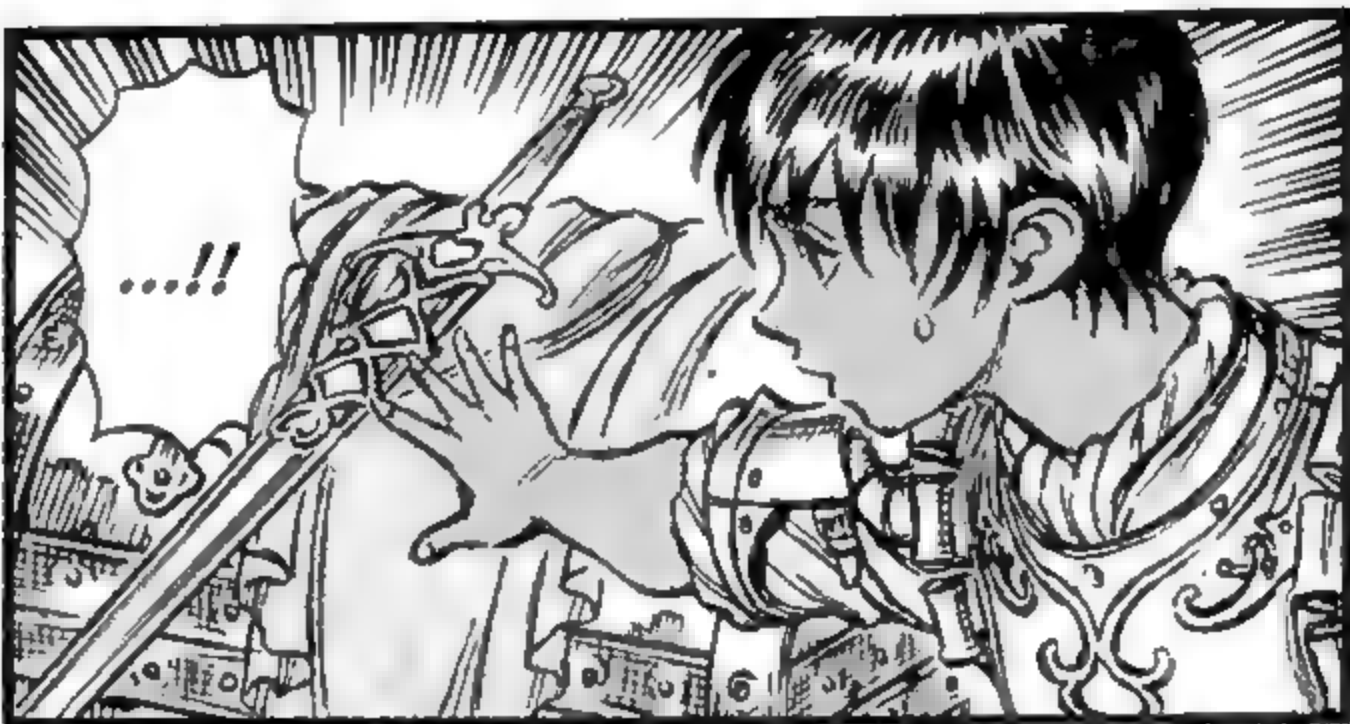




ENEMY
RAID!!



ENEMY
RAID!!



....!!



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!

EVERYONE
ELSE GET THE
WOUNDED
INTO WAGONS
AND ON
HORSEBACK,
THEN TO OPEN
GROUND
TO THE
SOUTH....!!

THE ENEMY'S ON
THE NORTH
SIDE OF THE
FOREST!! UNITS
3 AND 4,
MEET THEIR
CHARGE!!





NOTHING
LESS FROM THE
MUCH-RUMORED
BOSS OF THE
HAWKS. I'M
IMPRESSED.

IMMEDIATE
ADAPTATION
AND
COMMAND
ABILITY...



PREPARE
YOUR-
SELF!!

BUT IN ANY KIND OF BATTLE,
THE MOMENT THE LEADER'S
HEAD IS TAKEN IS THE
MOMENT THE OUTCOME
IS DECIDED.

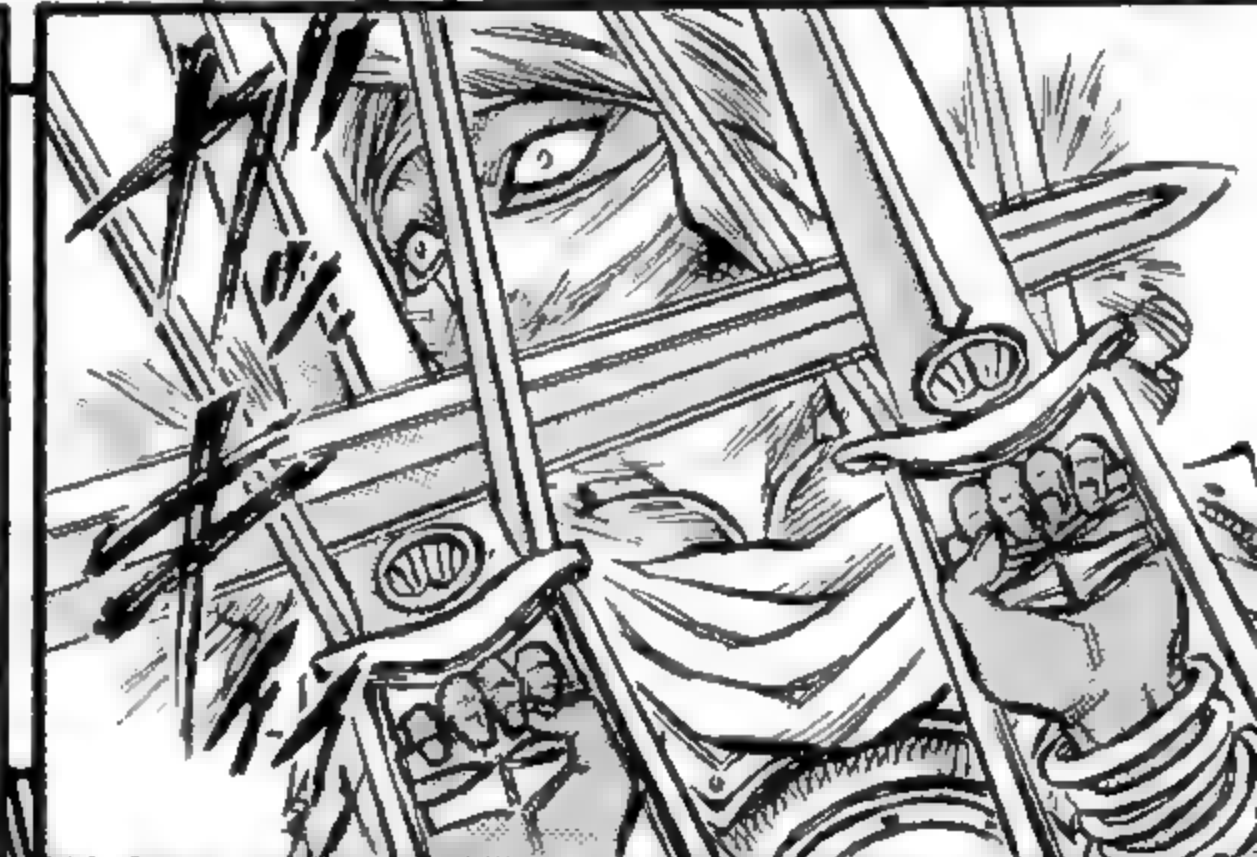
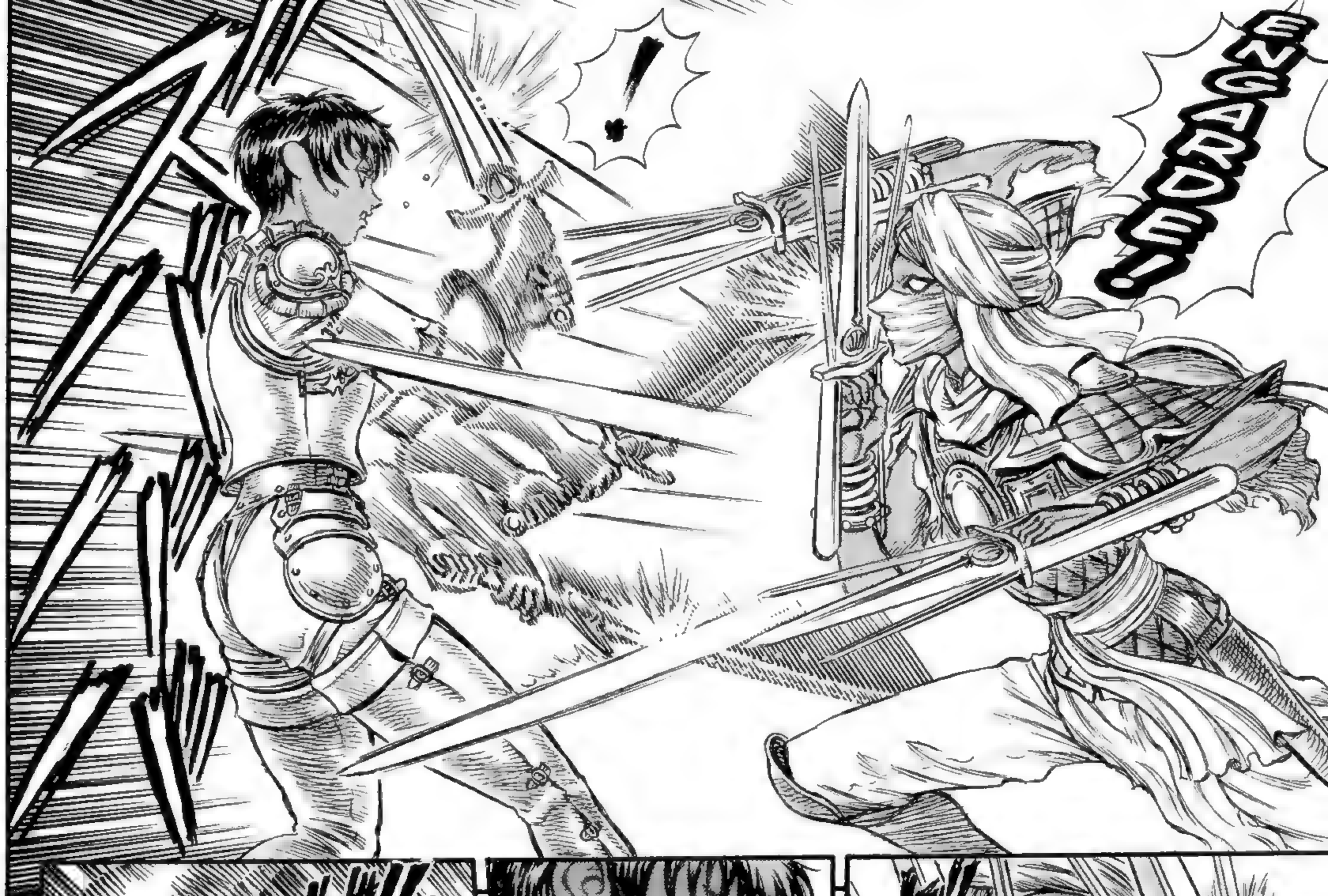


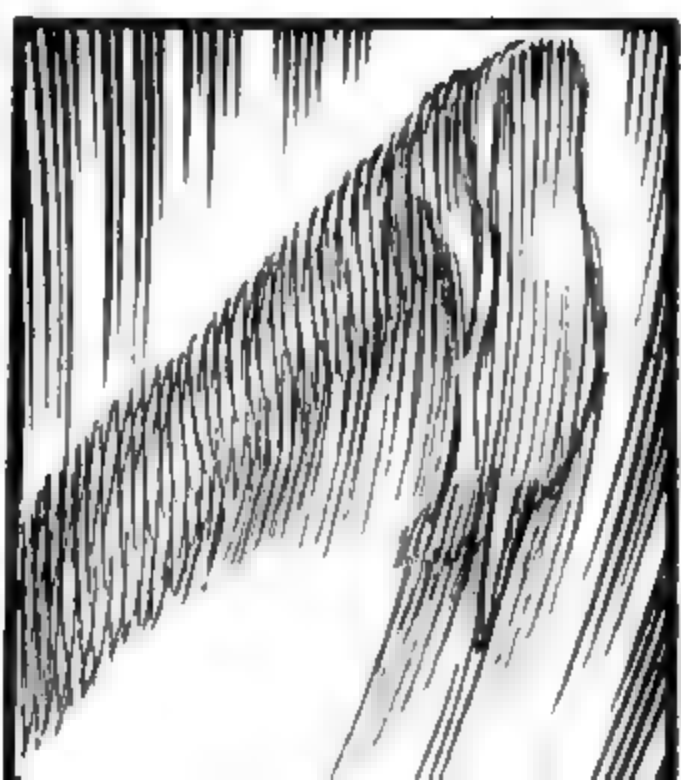
TAKE
THIS!

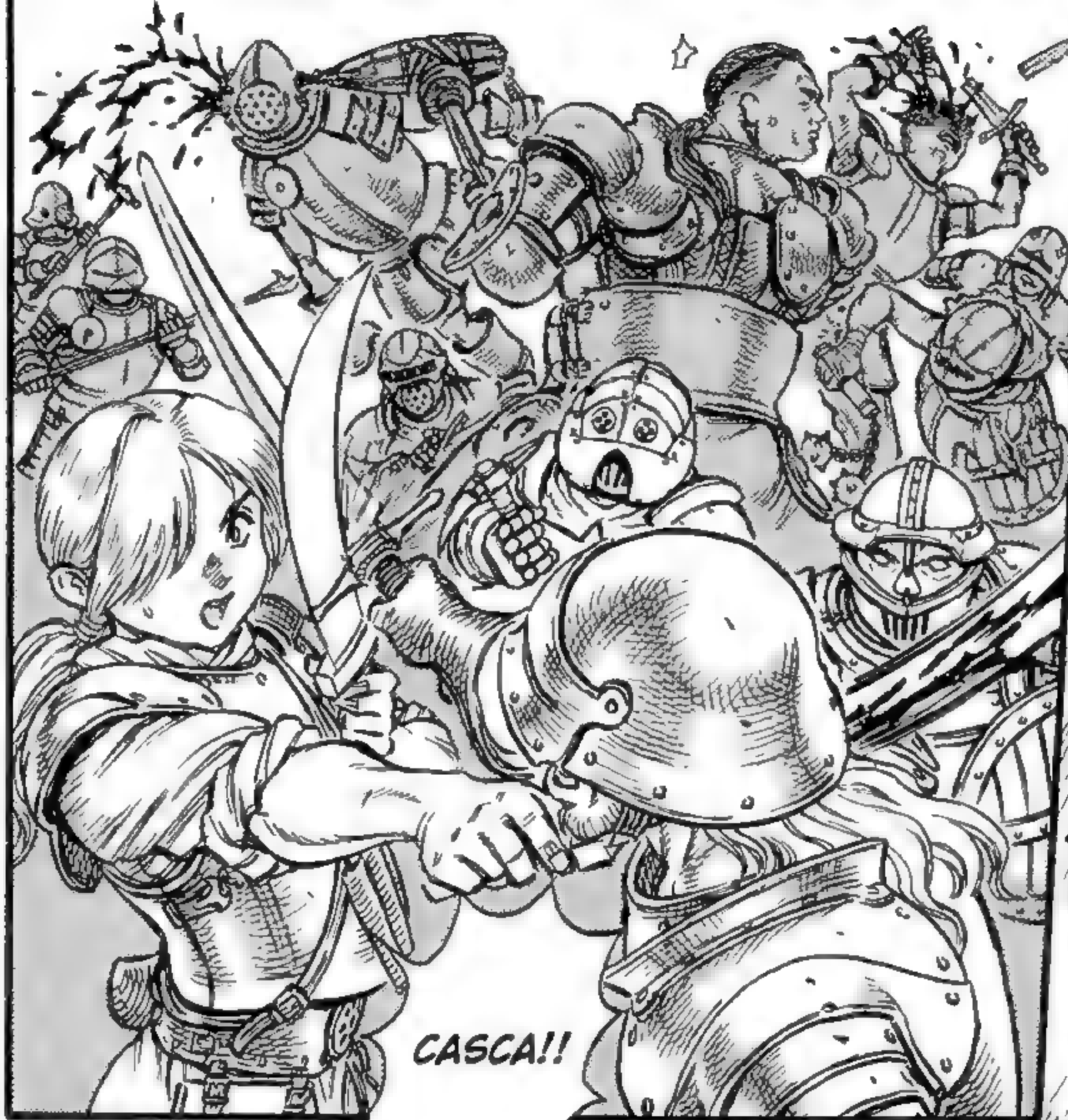
WEARING A
SWORD MEANS
YOU'RE A
WARRIOR, AND I
WON'T HOLD BACK
BECAUSE YOU'RE
A WOMAN...



...
...







CASCA!!



I
CAN'T
COUN-
TER
....!!

HOW
DOES
HE MOVE
LIKE
THIS?!



HA!
HA!
HA!
HA!



IF YOU THROW DOWN YOUR
SWORD AND ORDER YOUR
MEN TO SURRENDER, FINE.
IF NOT, I CUT OFF YOUR
HEAD HERE AND NOW.

THE
FIGHT
IS
MINE!

I'LL
COUNT TO
THREE. YOU
SHOULD
CHOOSE!!

ONE.

...

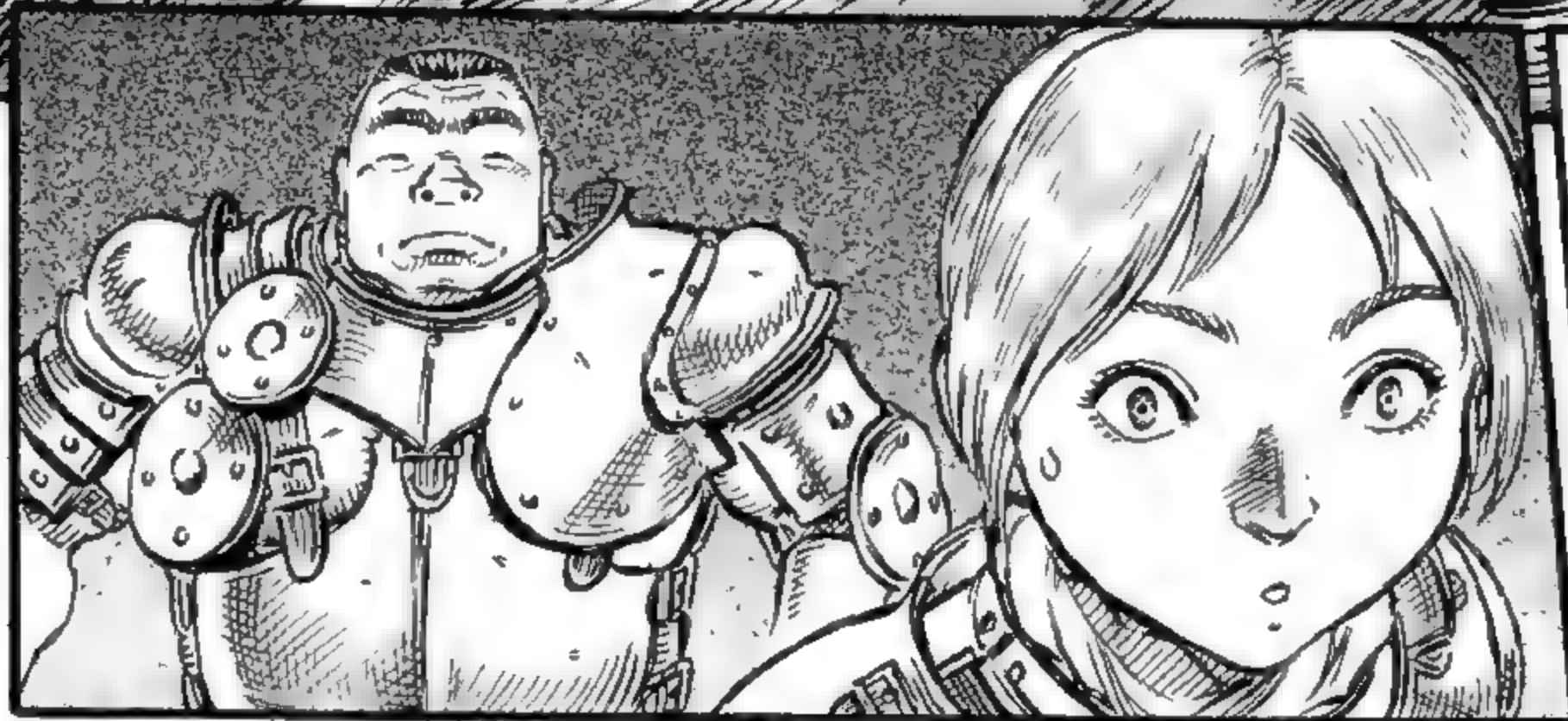
TWO.

THREE
...

HNG!



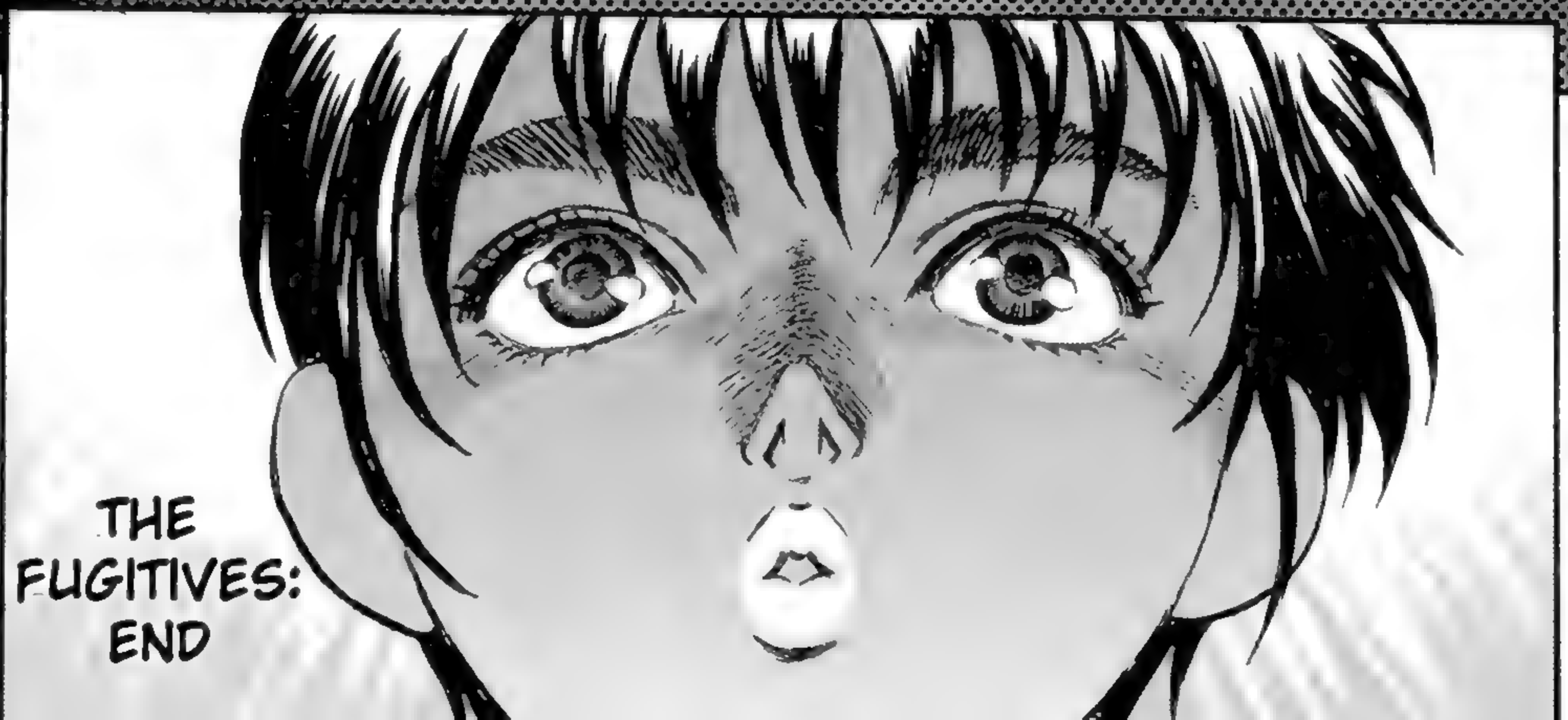
FOUR.



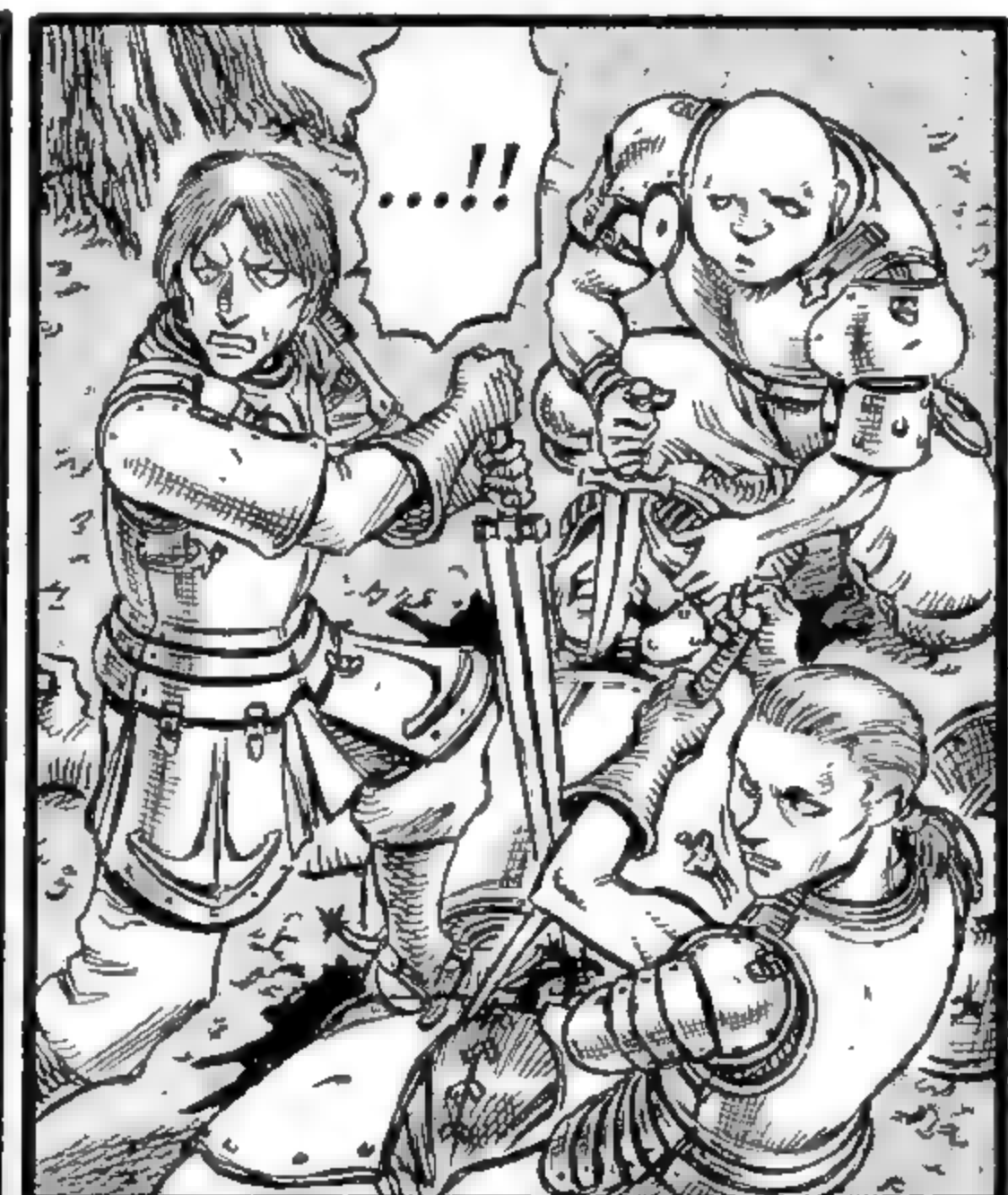
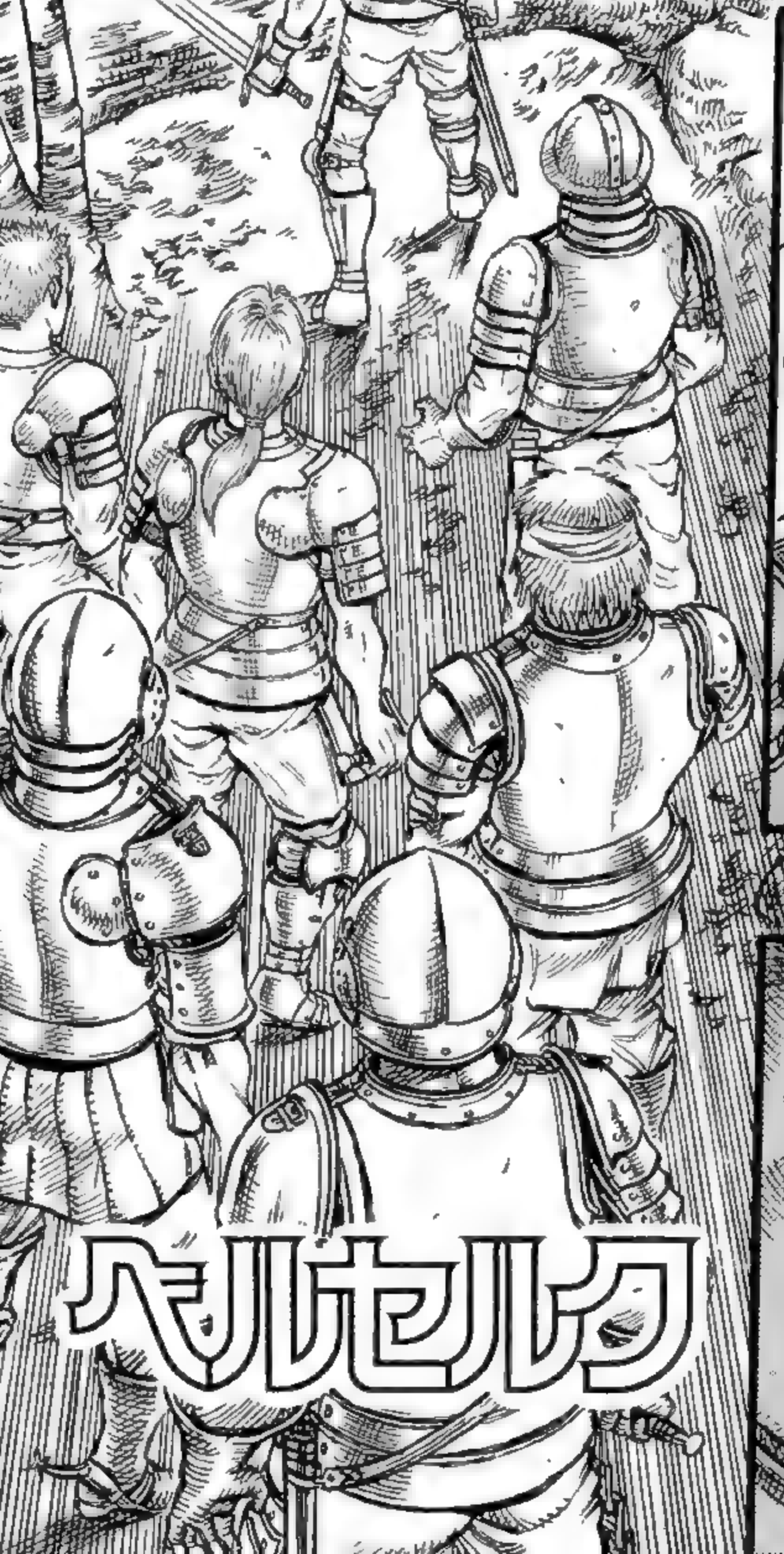
ZWOHH...



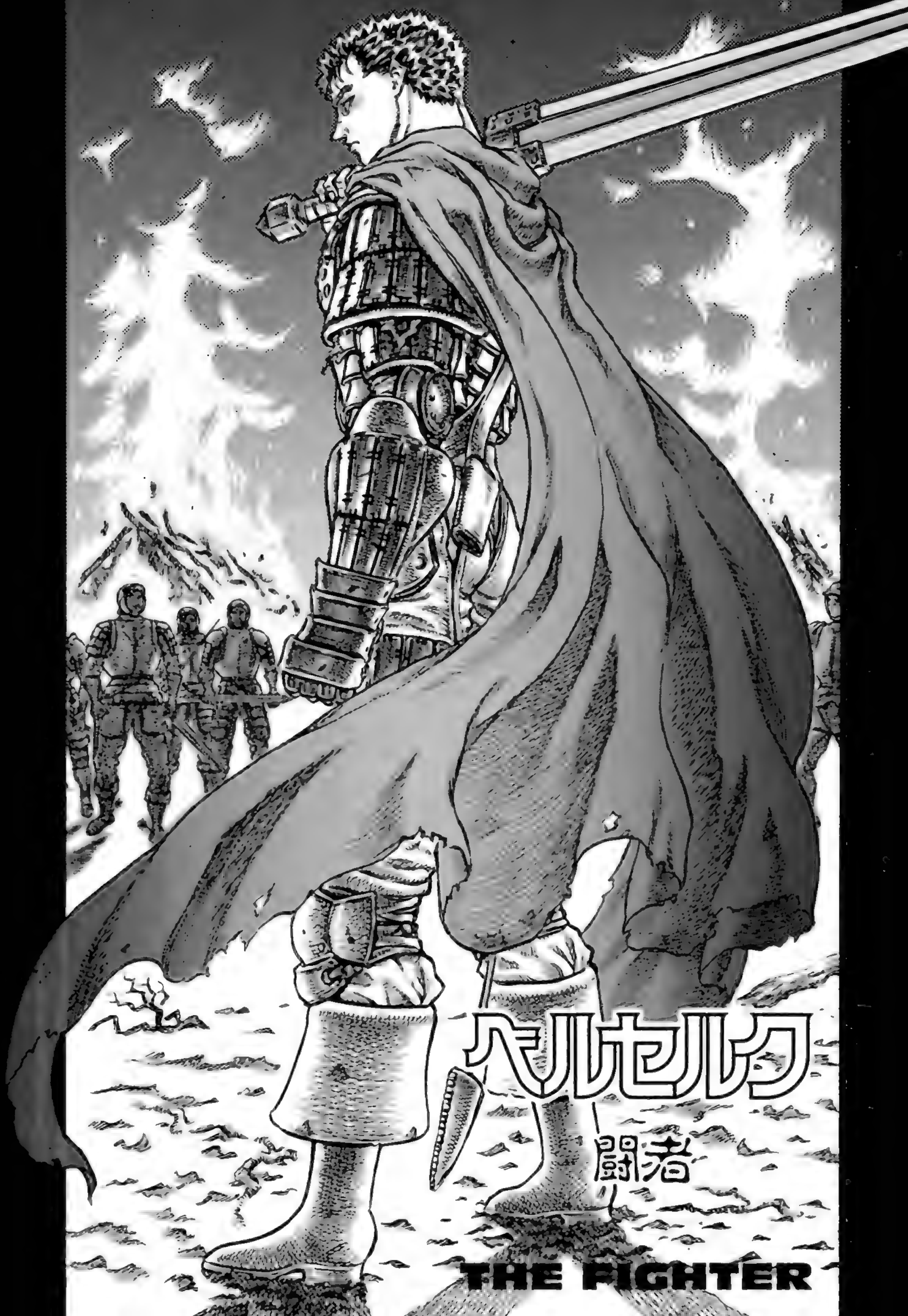




THE
FUGITIVES:
END



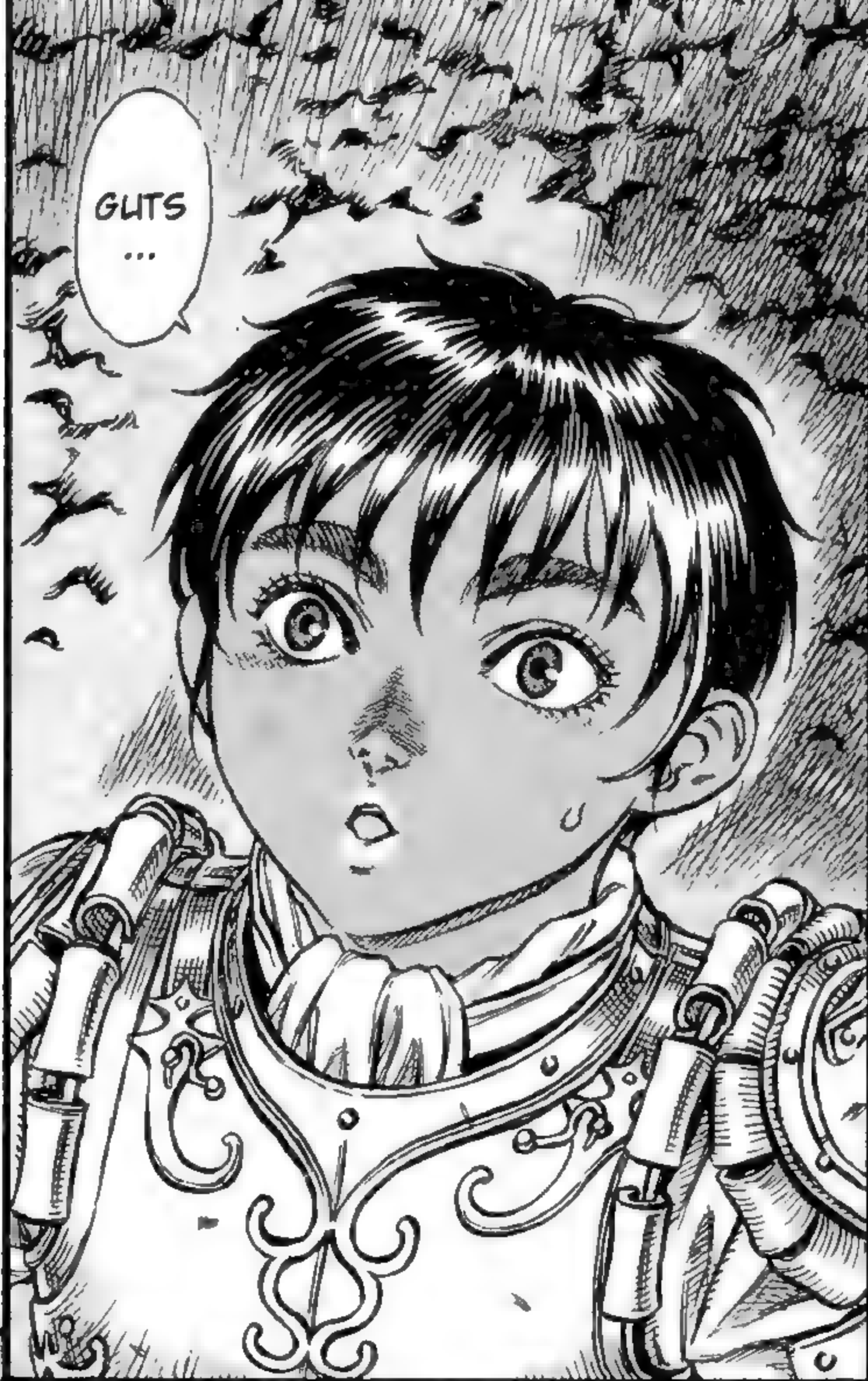
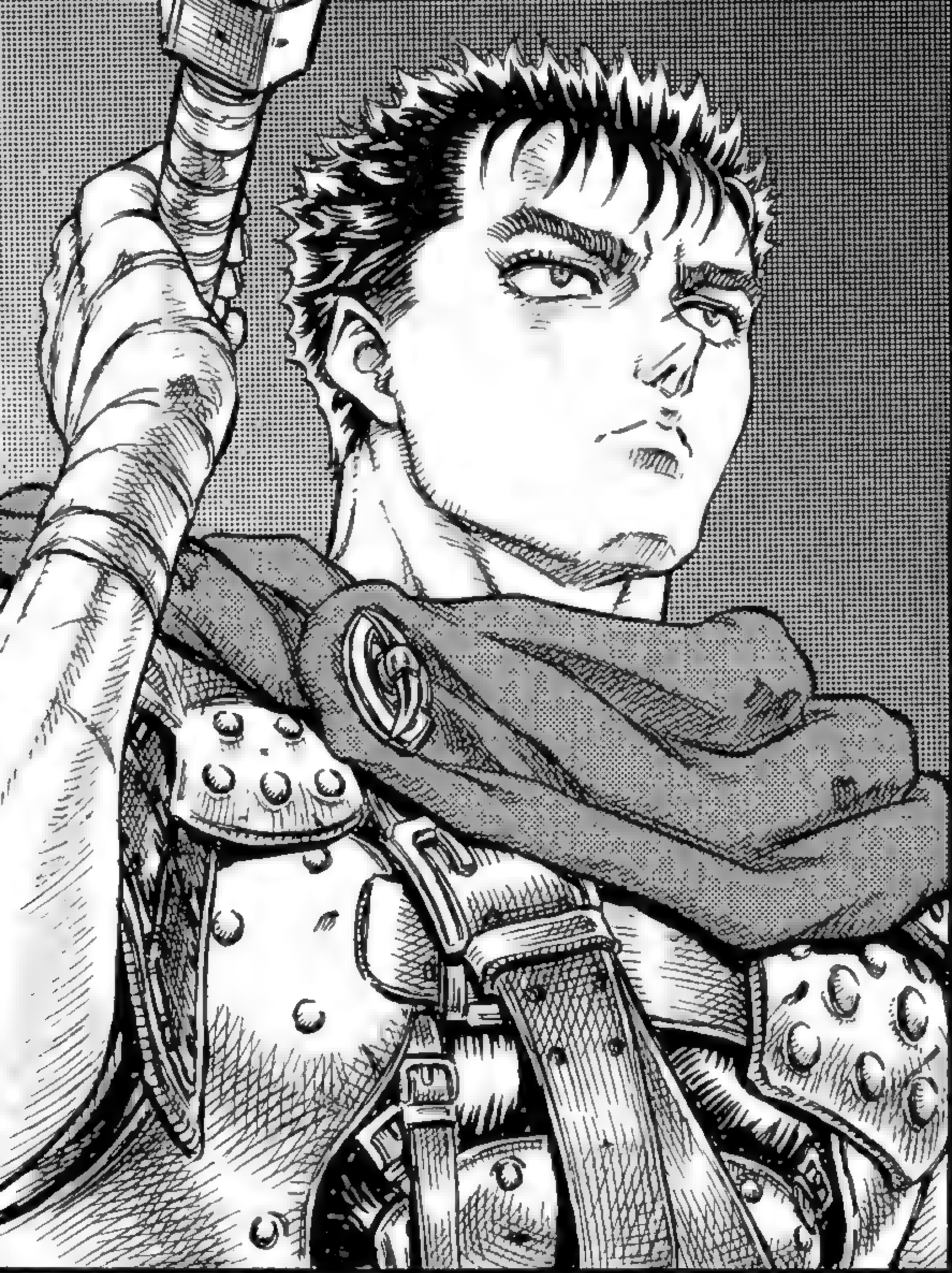
カエル



刻也刻

闘者

THE FIGHTER



GUTS

...



G...
...?



HEY! NO
TIME FOR
SLOUCHIN'!



LEAVE
THIS TO
ME AND
TAKE CARE
OF YOUR
OWN JOB.

HE AND I'VE
GOT A BIT OF
BUSINESS.

THE
CAPTAIN
OF THE
BAND
OF THE
HAWK'S
RAIDERS...



YOU'RE
THAT
FAMOUS
HUNDRED-
MAN
KILLER.

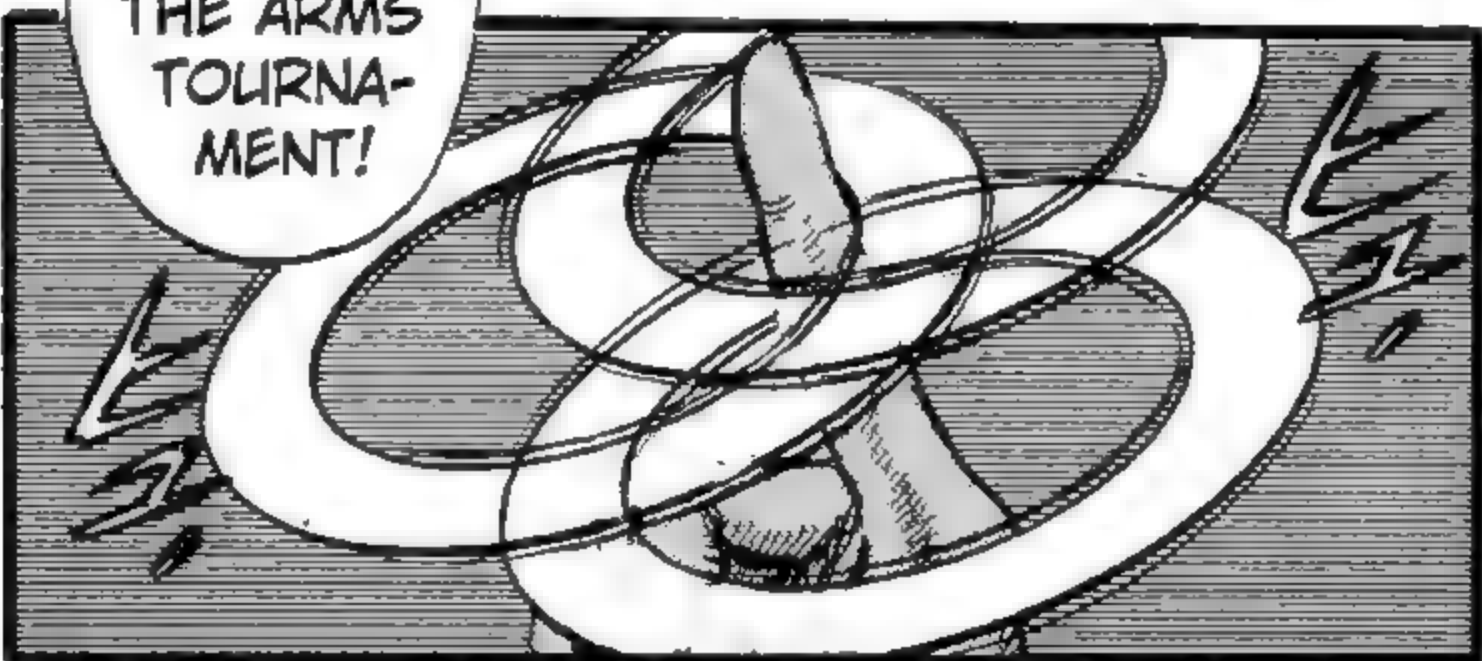
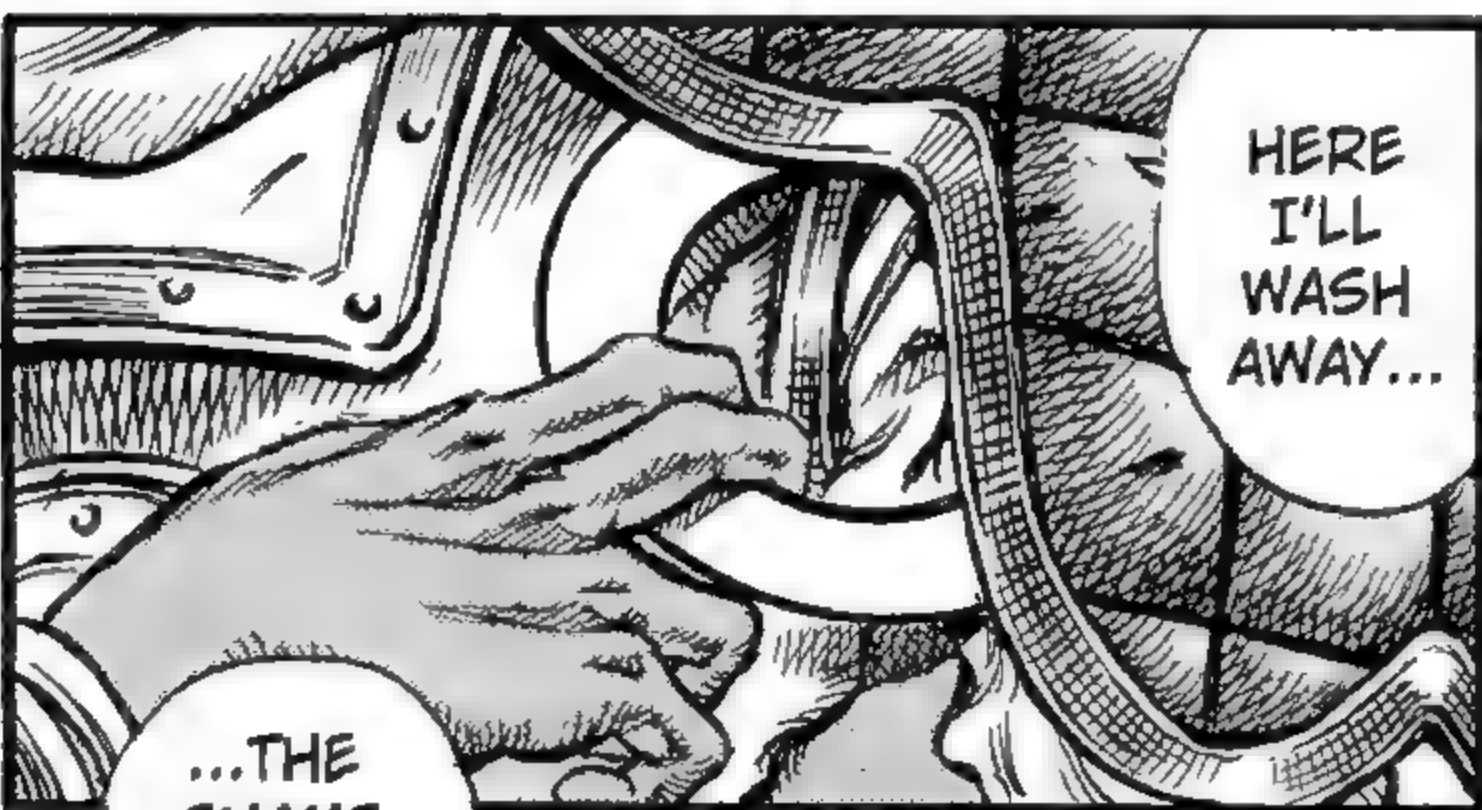
NO
WONDER
YOU'RE
SO
TOUGH...

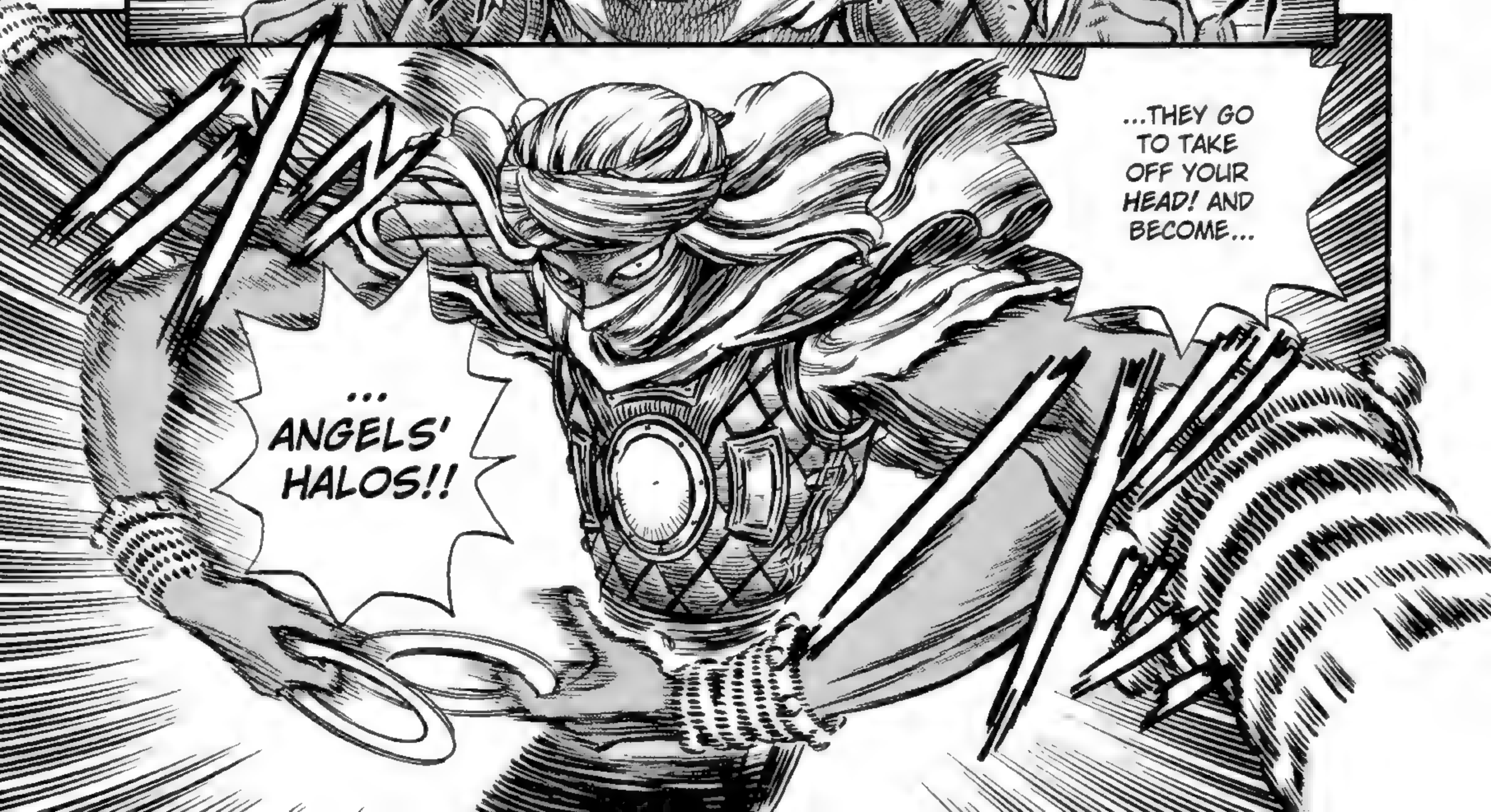
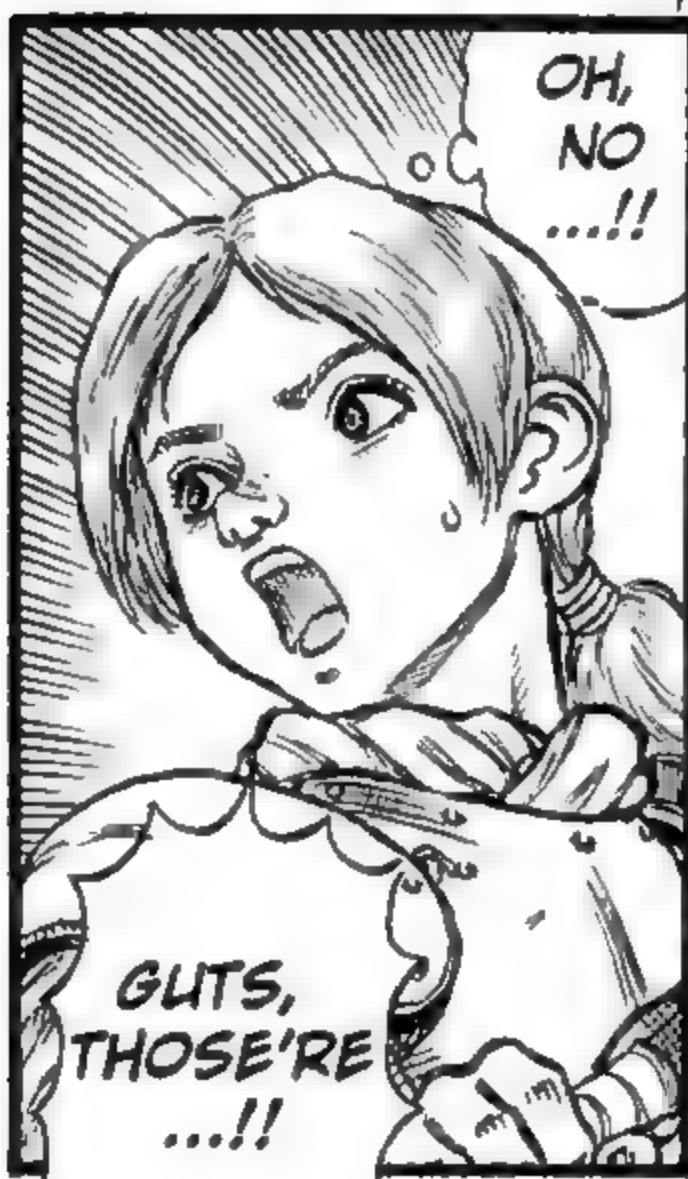
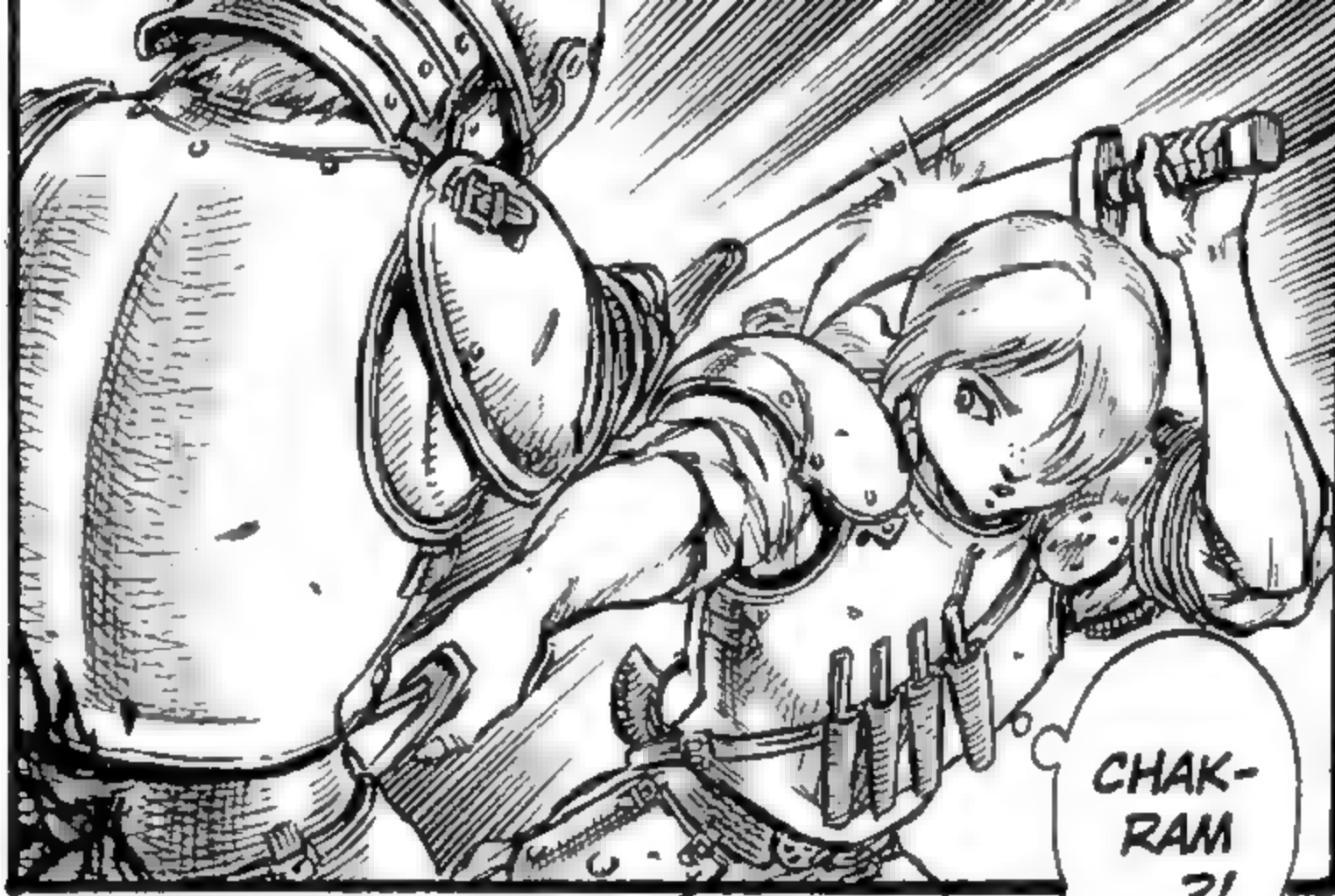


HUHLH

...

SO
THAT'S
IT...







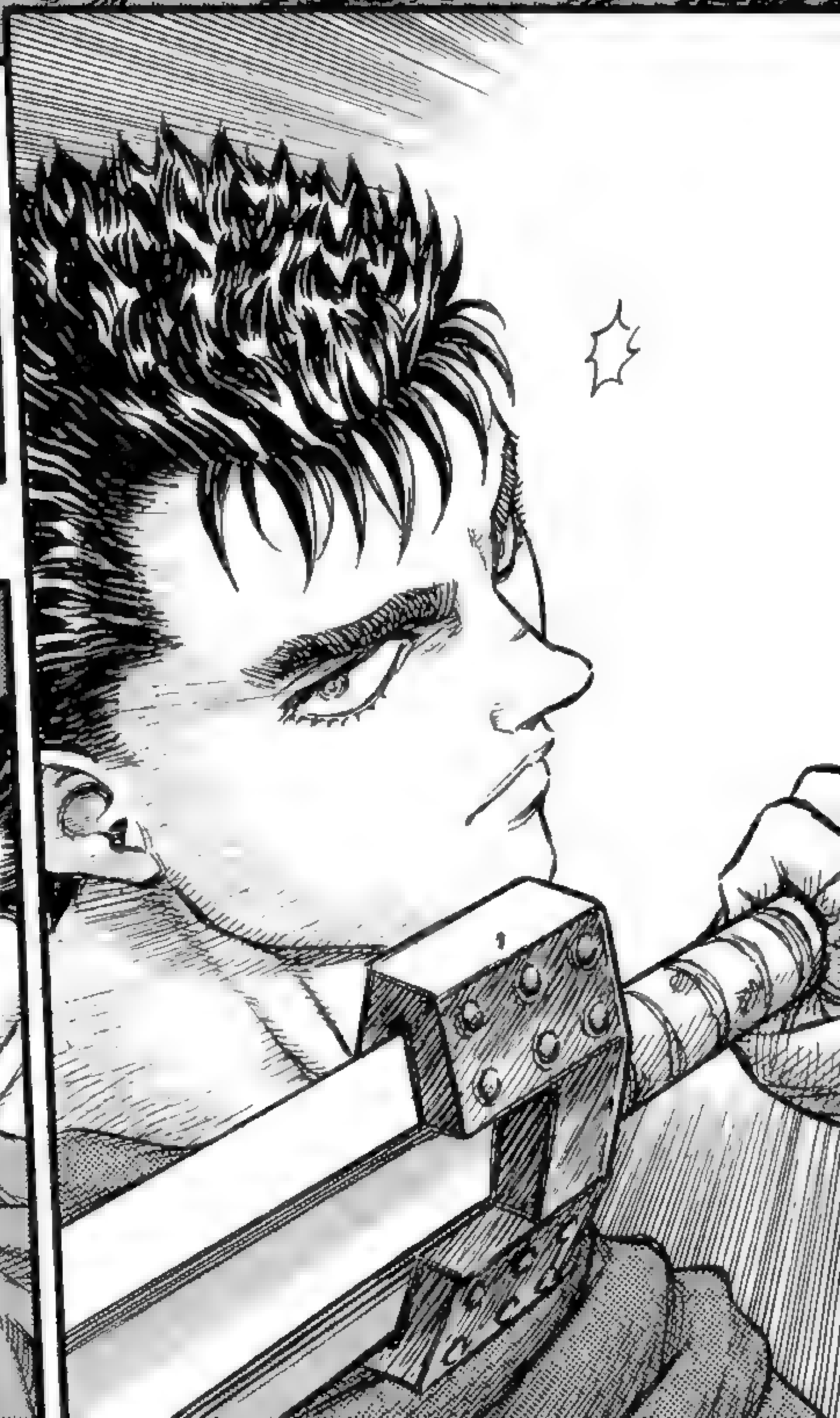
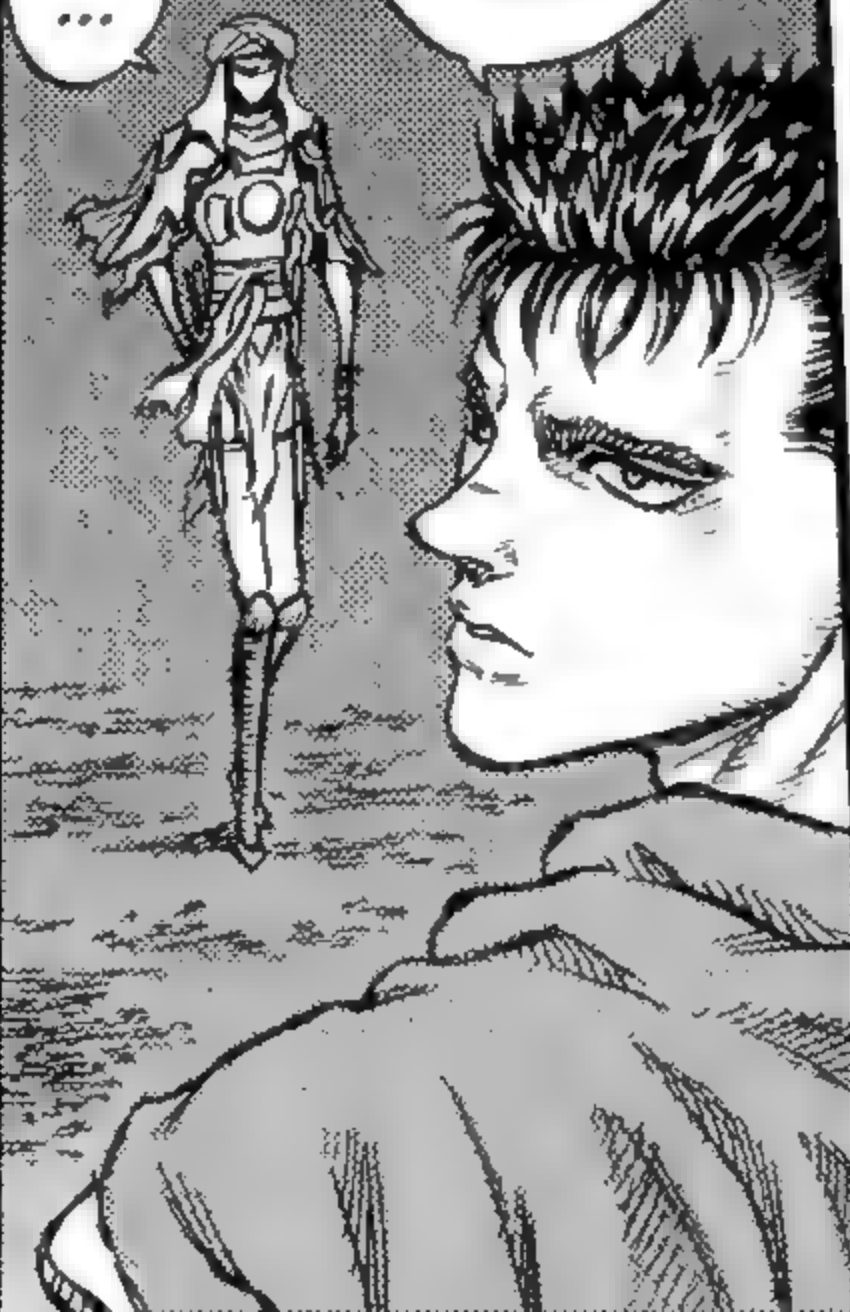
YOUR
DOOM!!



HMM
...



WHAT'RE
YOU UP
TO?





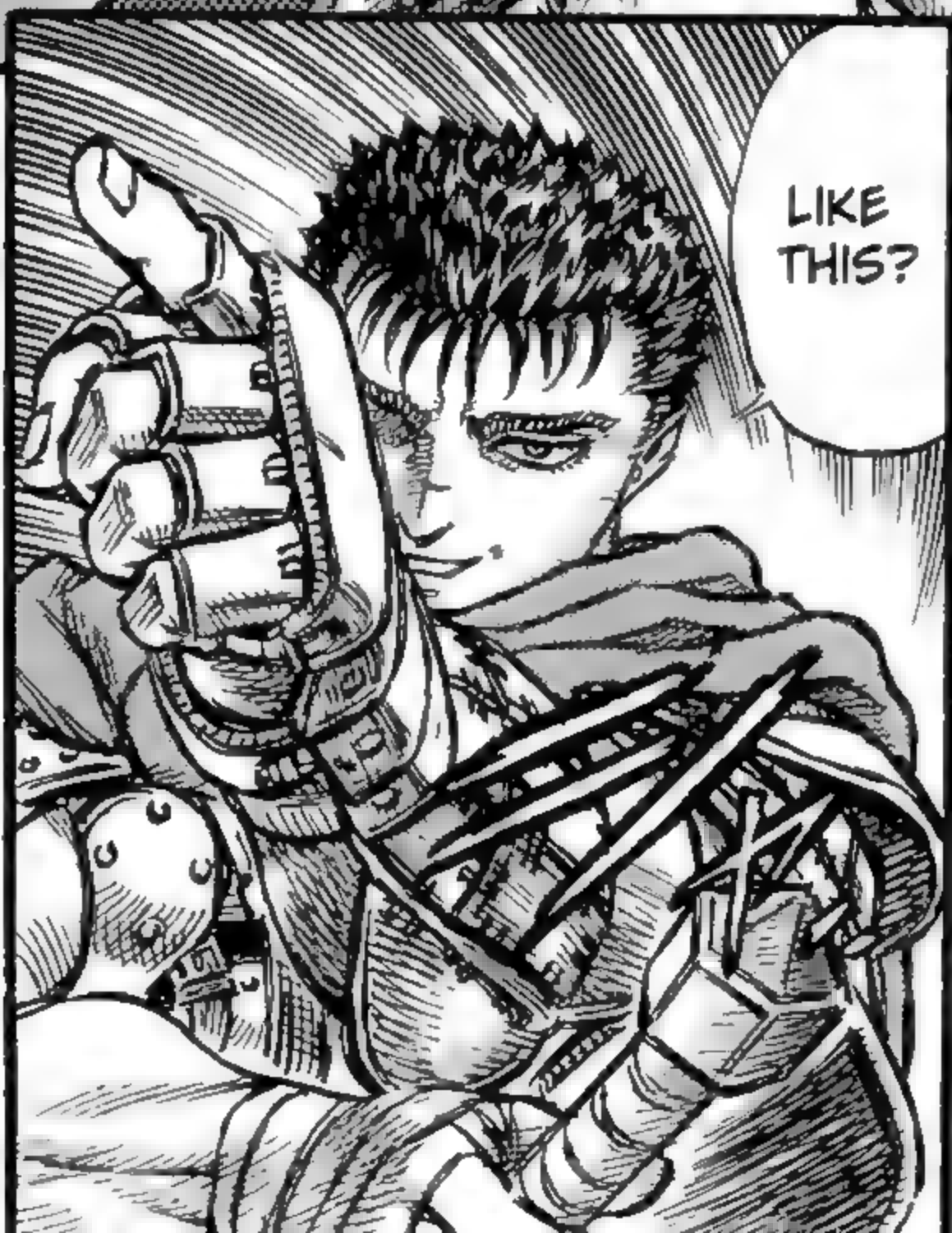
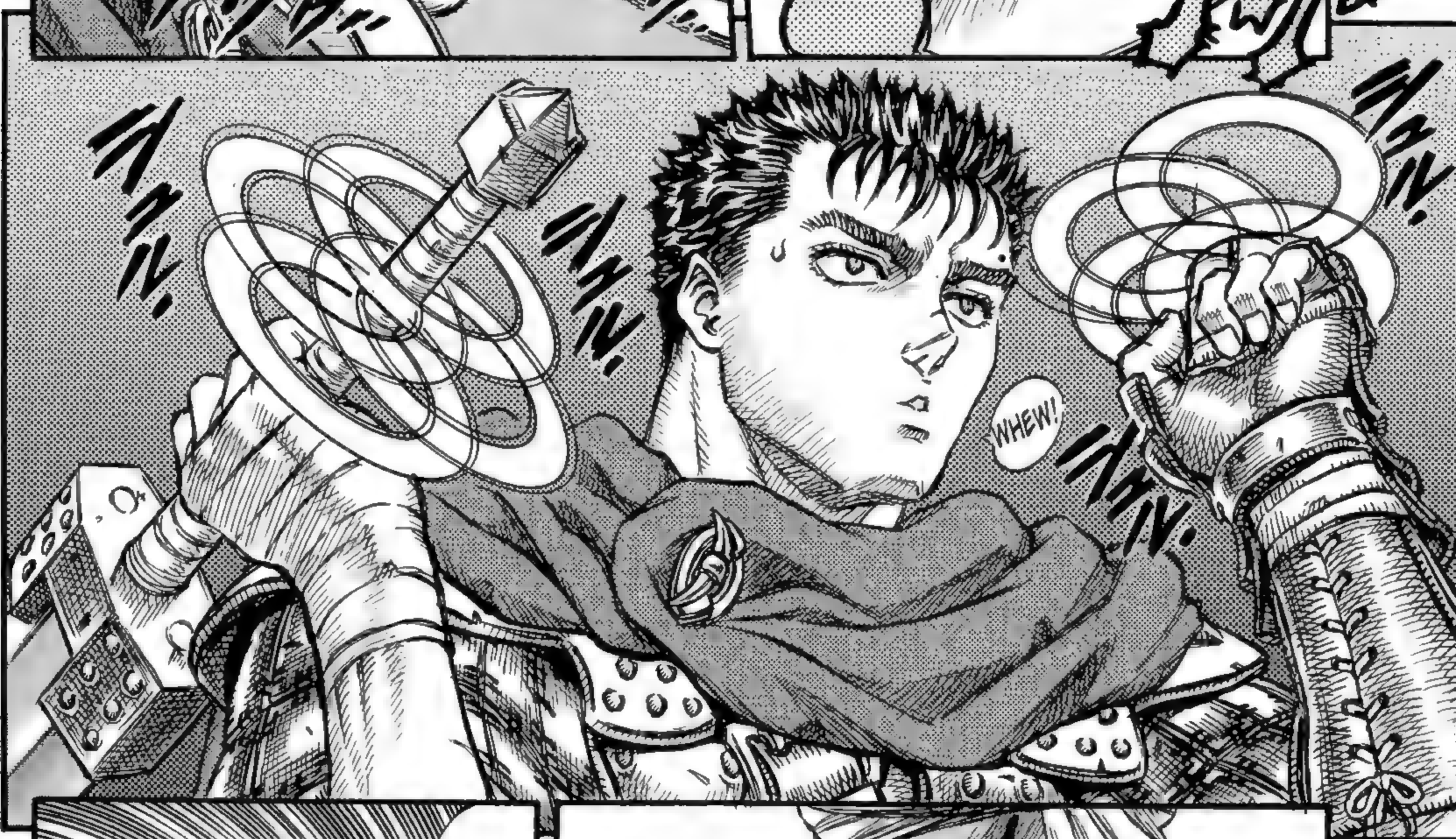
CHAK-
RAM
CAN...

WATCH
OUT!!



...CHANGE
DIRECTION
ON THEIR
OWN!!





LIKE THIS?

YOU MEAN YOU JUDGED THE PATHS OF TWO CHAKRAM AT THE SAME TIME...?!

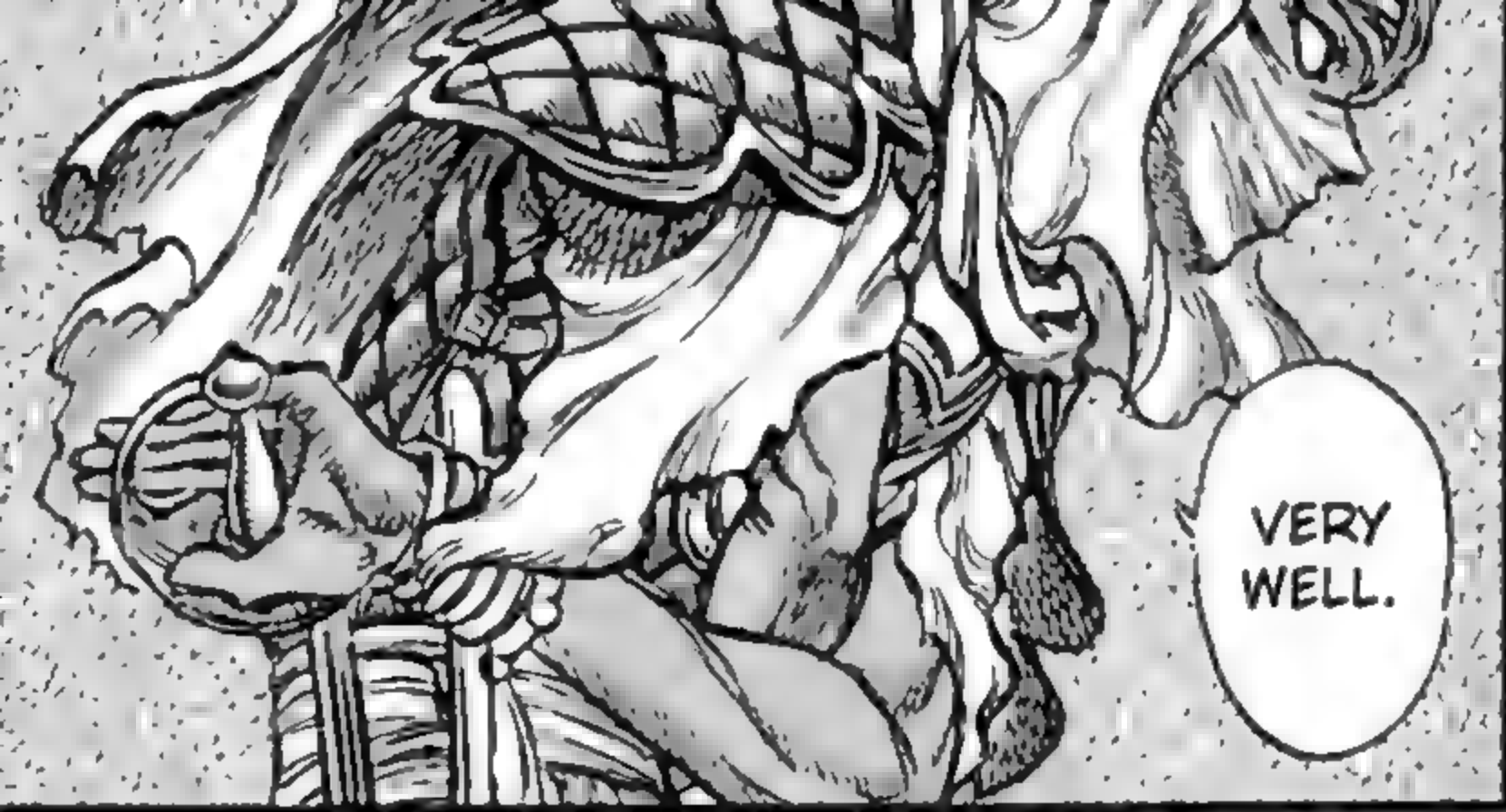
IMPOSSIBLE...!!

LET'S SEE...

IT'S JUST LIKE SWATTING FLIES, RIGHT? I MIGHT'VE BEEN IN TROUBLE WITH TWO OR THREE MORE OF 'EM.

NOT AT ALL.







WHERE'D
HE PULL
THOSE
FROM?

YOU
EVEN
TALK
LIKE AN
ENTER-
TAINER.



WHAT'S
WITH
THOSE
WEAPONS
...?!



THE
NAME
MEANS
"THUNDER"!

U
R
U
M
I
!!

AS THE NAME
SUGGESTS, ITS
POWER IS LIKE
A THUNDERCLAP,
AND IT'S THE
MIGHTIEST
WITHIN MY
ARSENAL!!

DRINK
OF IT
DEEPLY!!





NICELY DODGED!

EXCELLENT REFLEXES!



BUT HOW LONG CAN YOU KEEP RUNNING?! ONE UIRUMI CONSISTS OF FIVE BLADES THAT MOVE LIKE WHIPS AND CUT LIKE A WEASEL'S SLASH!! AND I CAN MANIPULATE EACH BLADE INDIVIDUALLY!!



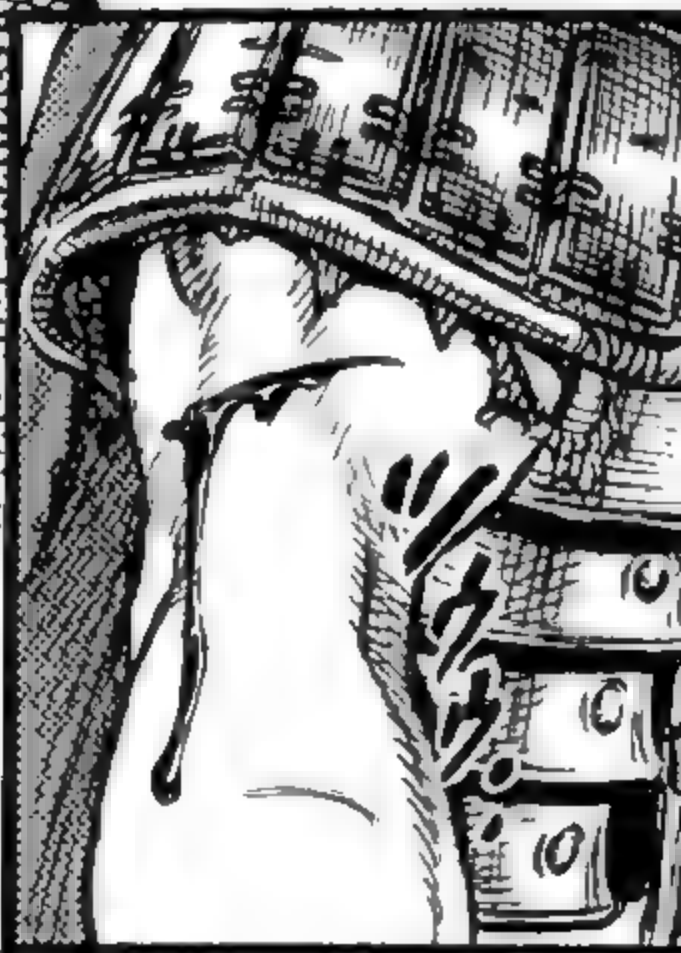
HOW WILL YOU DODGE BLADES FROM TEN DIRECTIONS AT ONCE?!



....!!



WAIT, JUDEAU!!





...HE
DOESN'T
NEED
HELP!!

WHEN
HE GETS
THAT LOOK
IN HIS
EYES...



HURRY!!

BUT
--



YOU TAKE
COMMAND OF
UNITS THREE
AND FOUR!!

NEVER
MIND
HIM!!



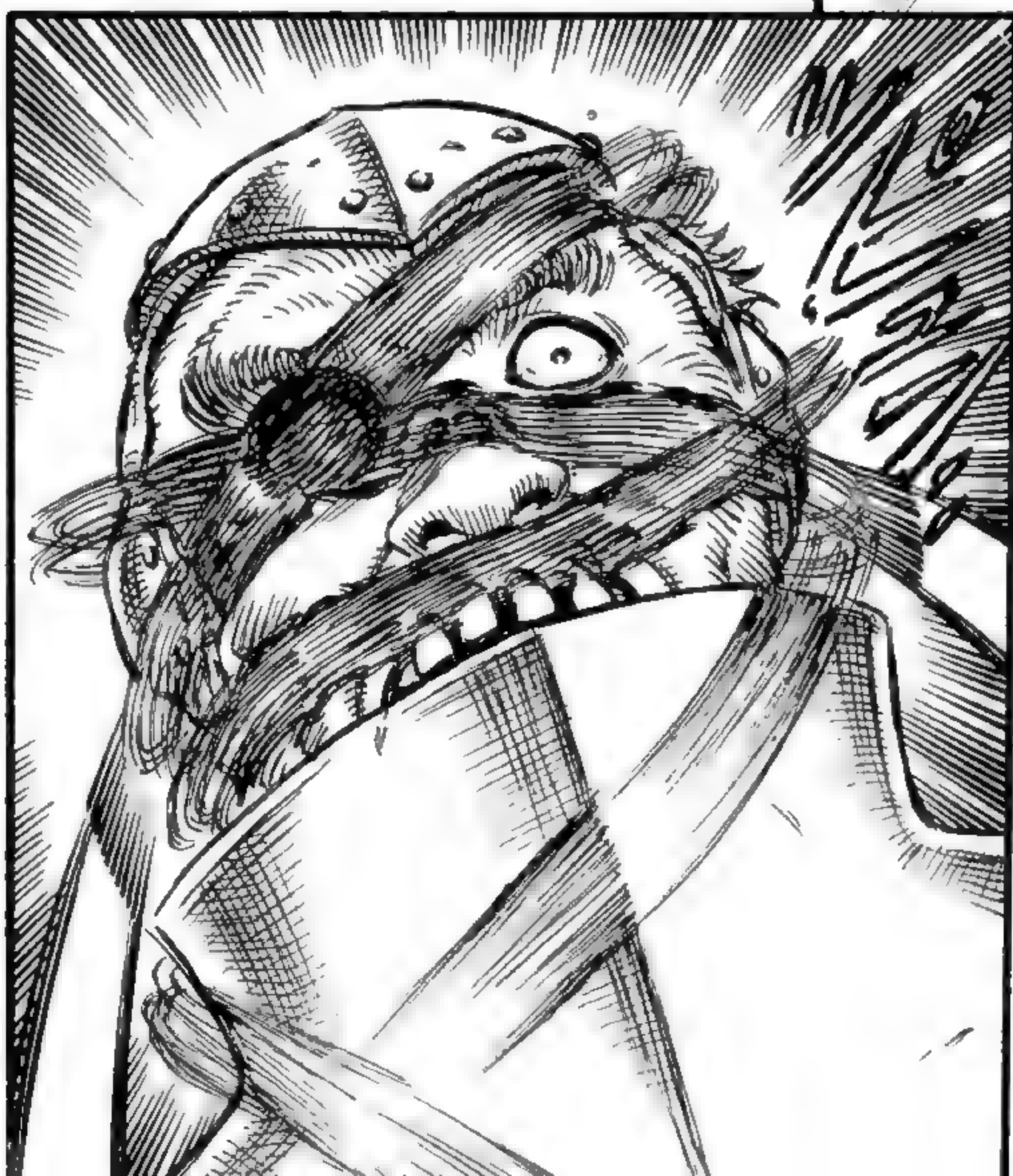
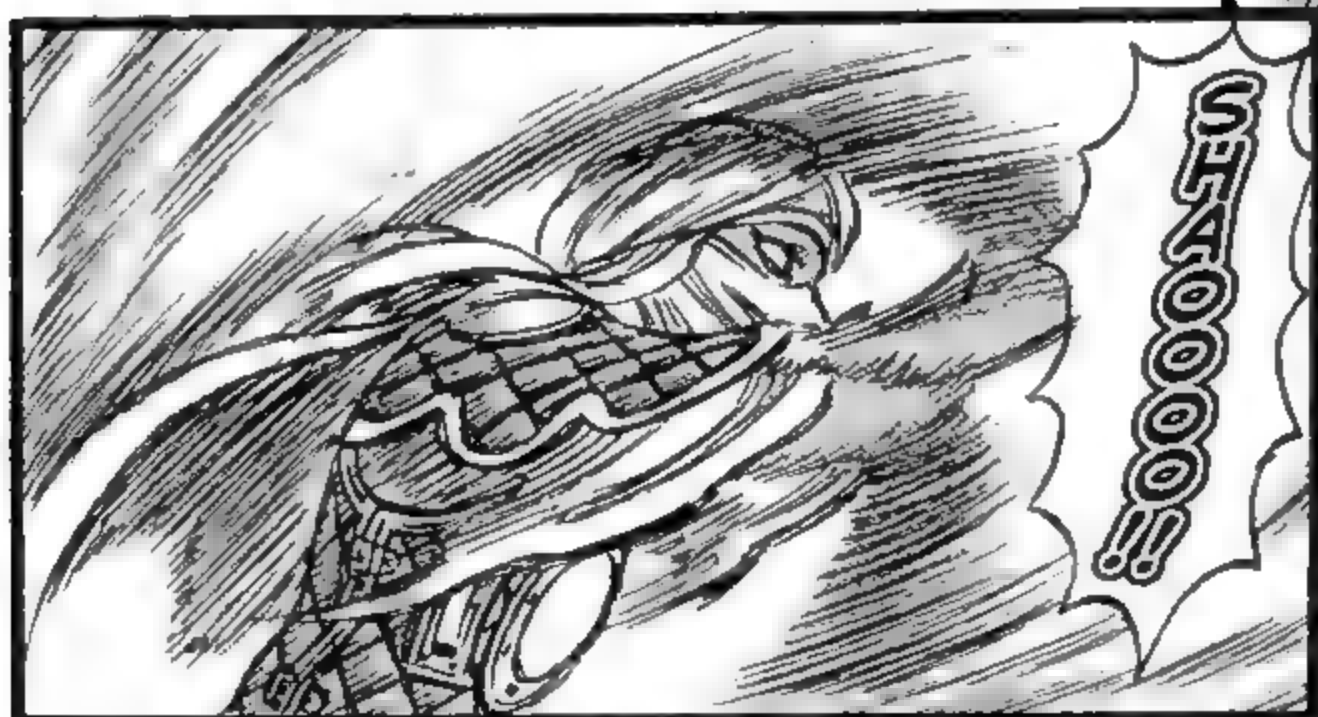
HE'S
FINE.

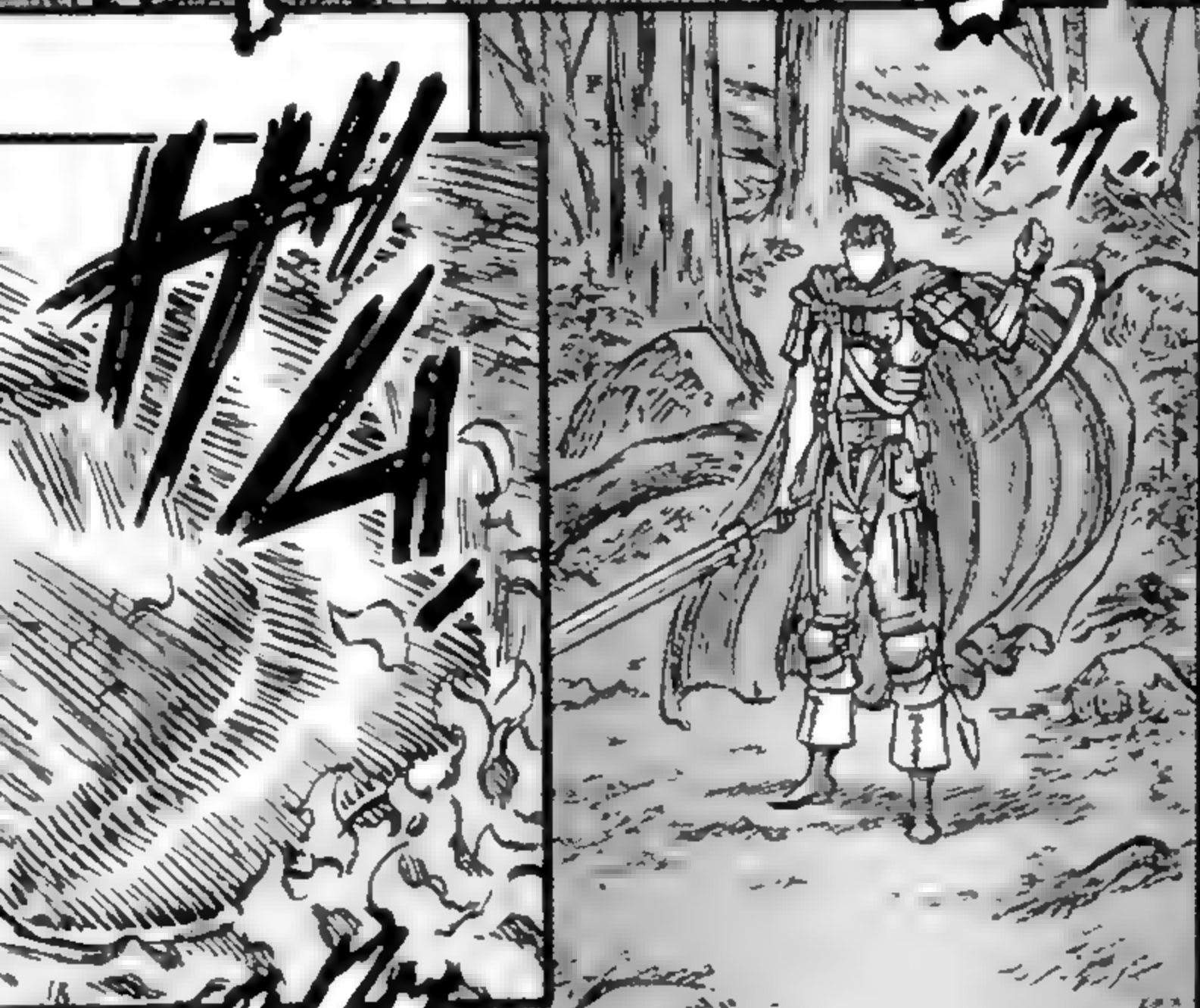
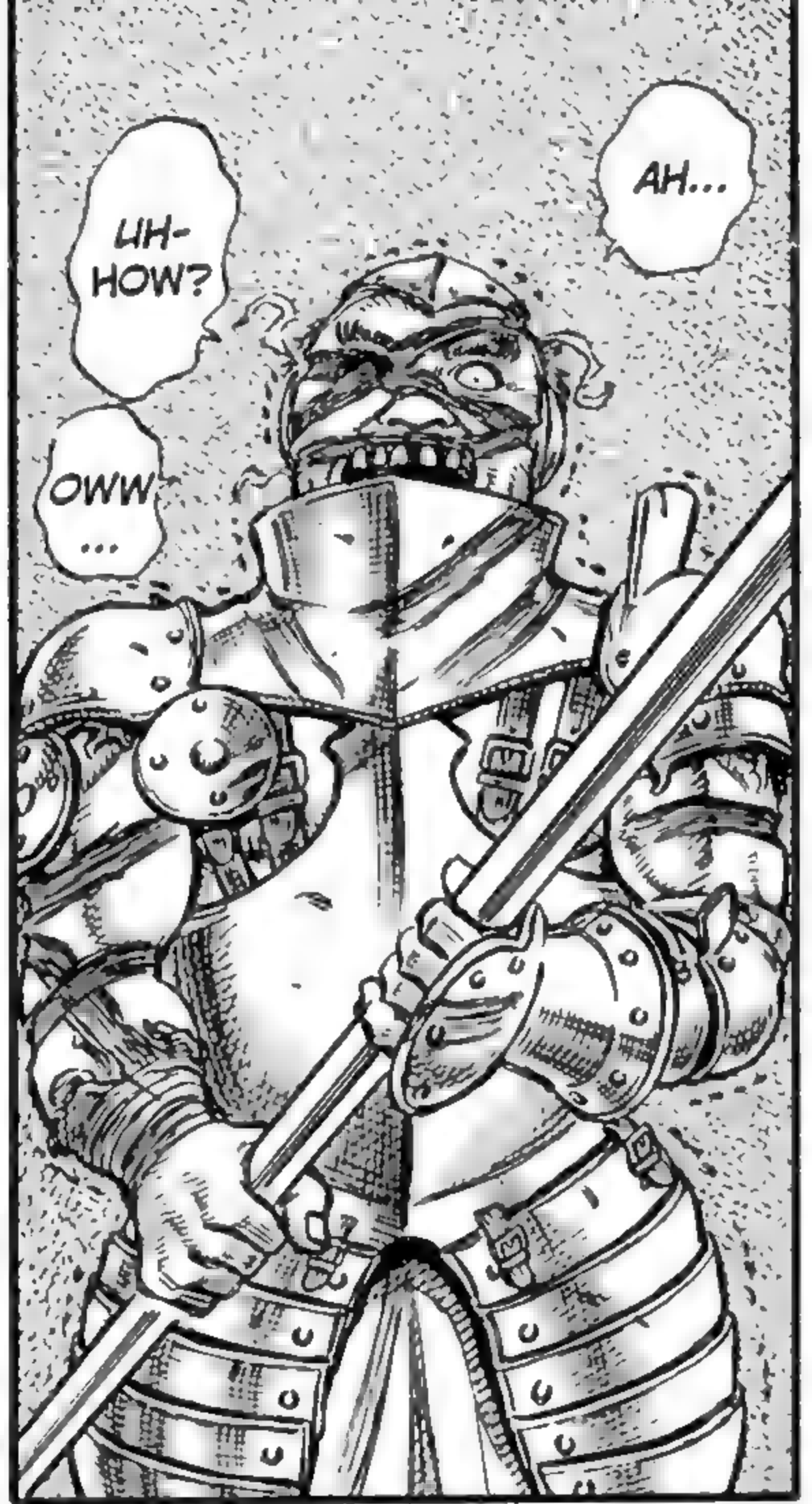


...



HERE
I
COME!!







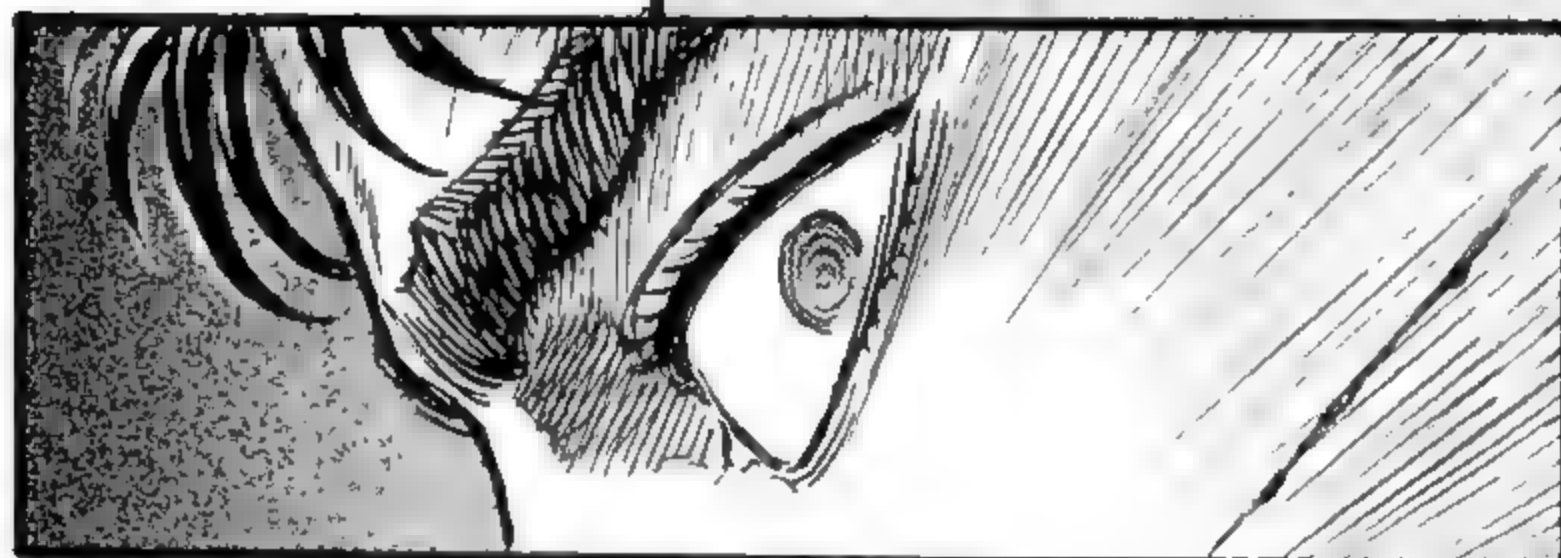
WHAT'RE
YOU
DOING?

KNOWING
YOU CAN'T
RUN, YOU'RE
FACING ME?



WHAT
CAN
YOU
DO?!

...IN SUCH
A BRIEF IN-
STANT FROM
THAT LOW
STANCE?!



THOSE AREN'T THE
EYES OF A DEAD
MAN...

...

A SWORDSMAN AS
SKILLED AS YOU
SHOULD KNOW
THAT!!

HAVE
YOU
THROWN
THE
FIGHT
?!

IT'S
IMPOS-
SIBLE
TO
STOP
THE
URUMI
WITH
YOUR
SWORD
!!





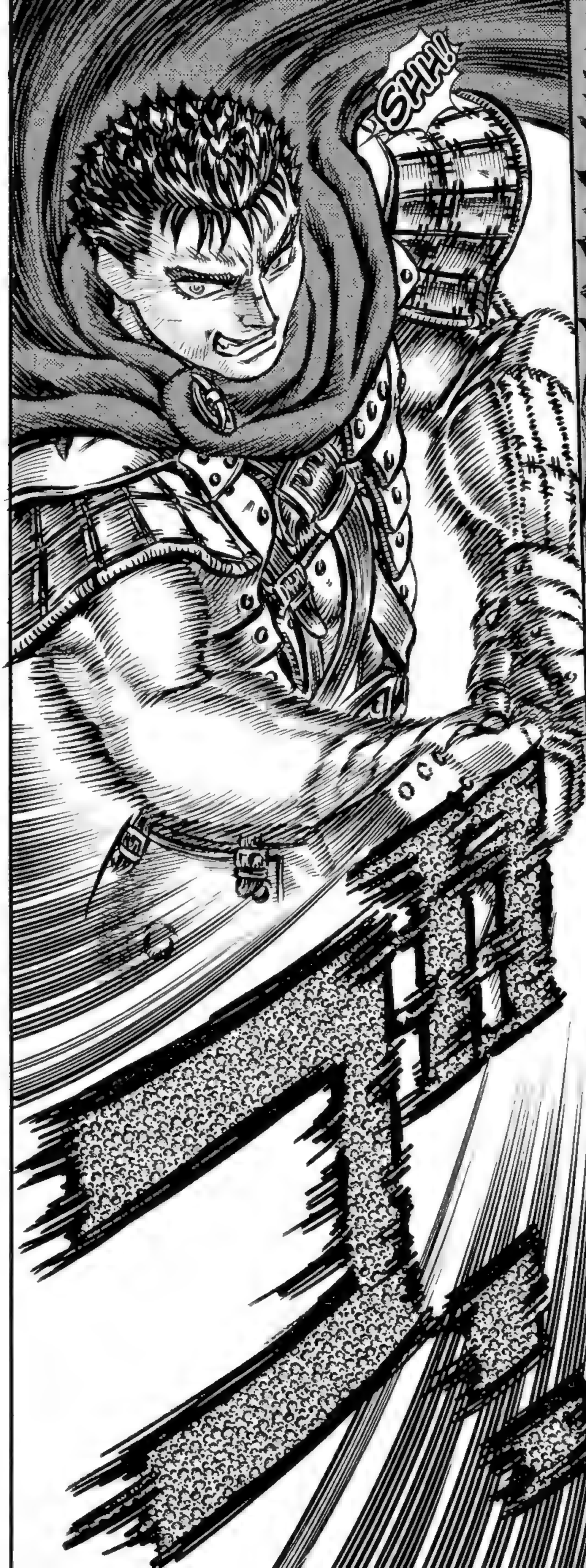
I
ACCEPT
THIS
CHALLENGE
OF
YOURS!!



SO
BE
IT!!

SUFFER
THE
DANCE
OF TEN
BLADES!!





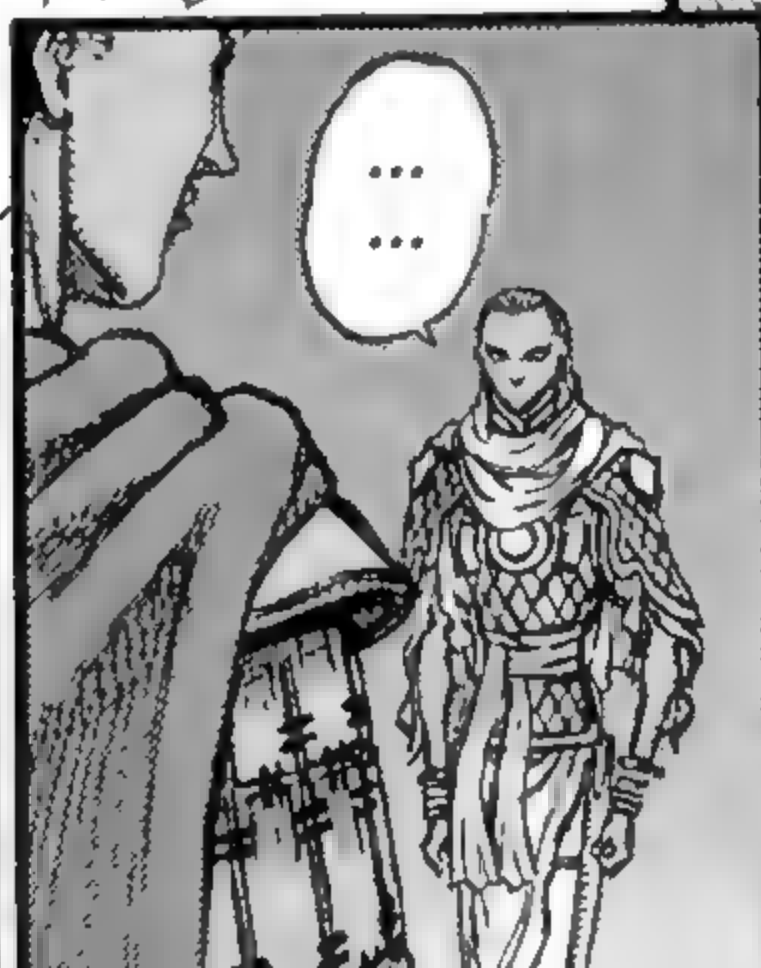
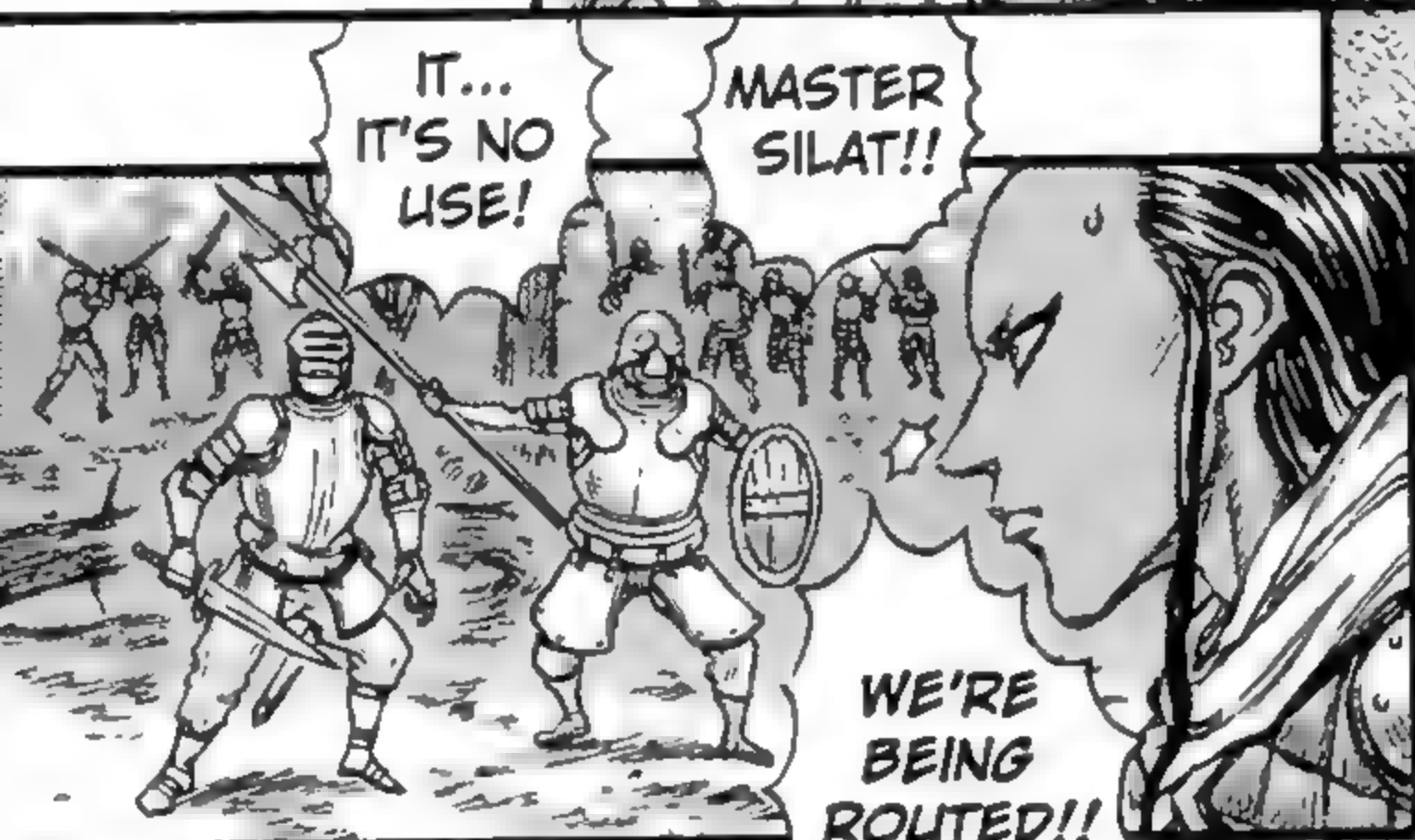


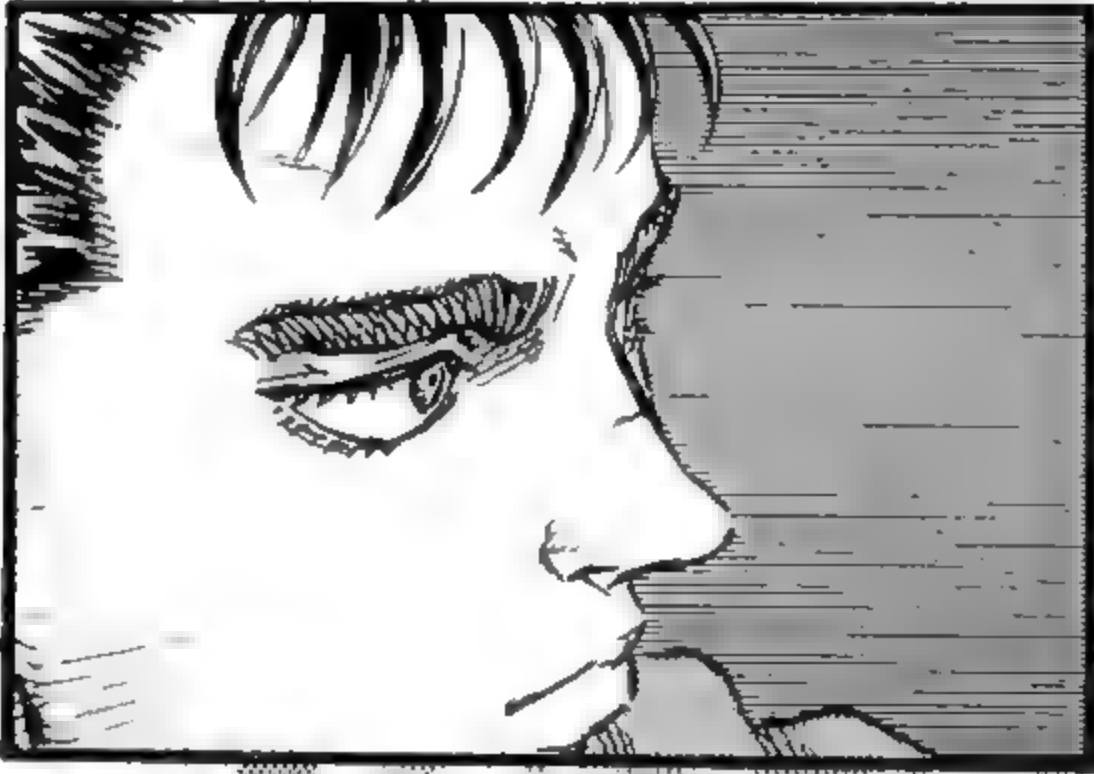
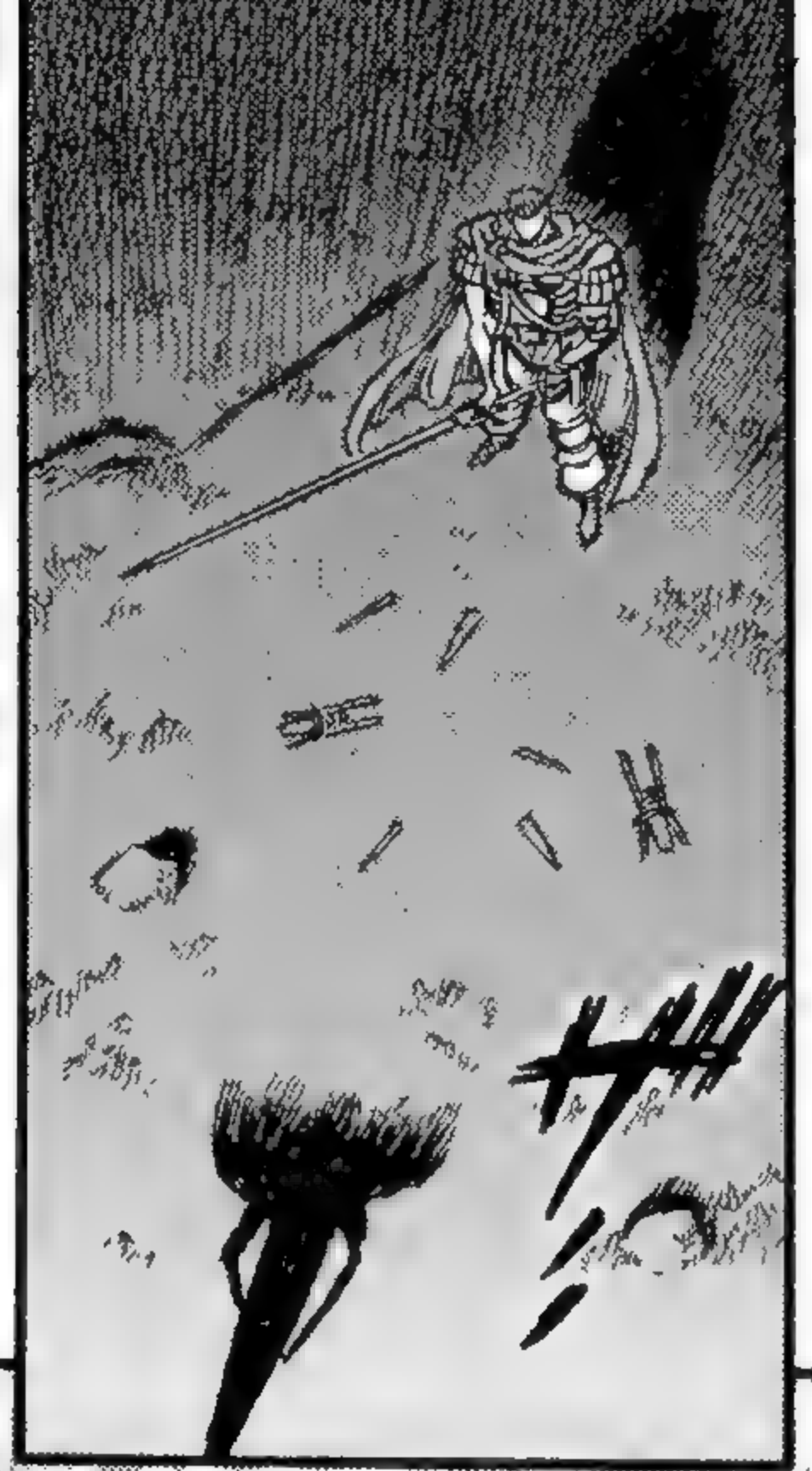
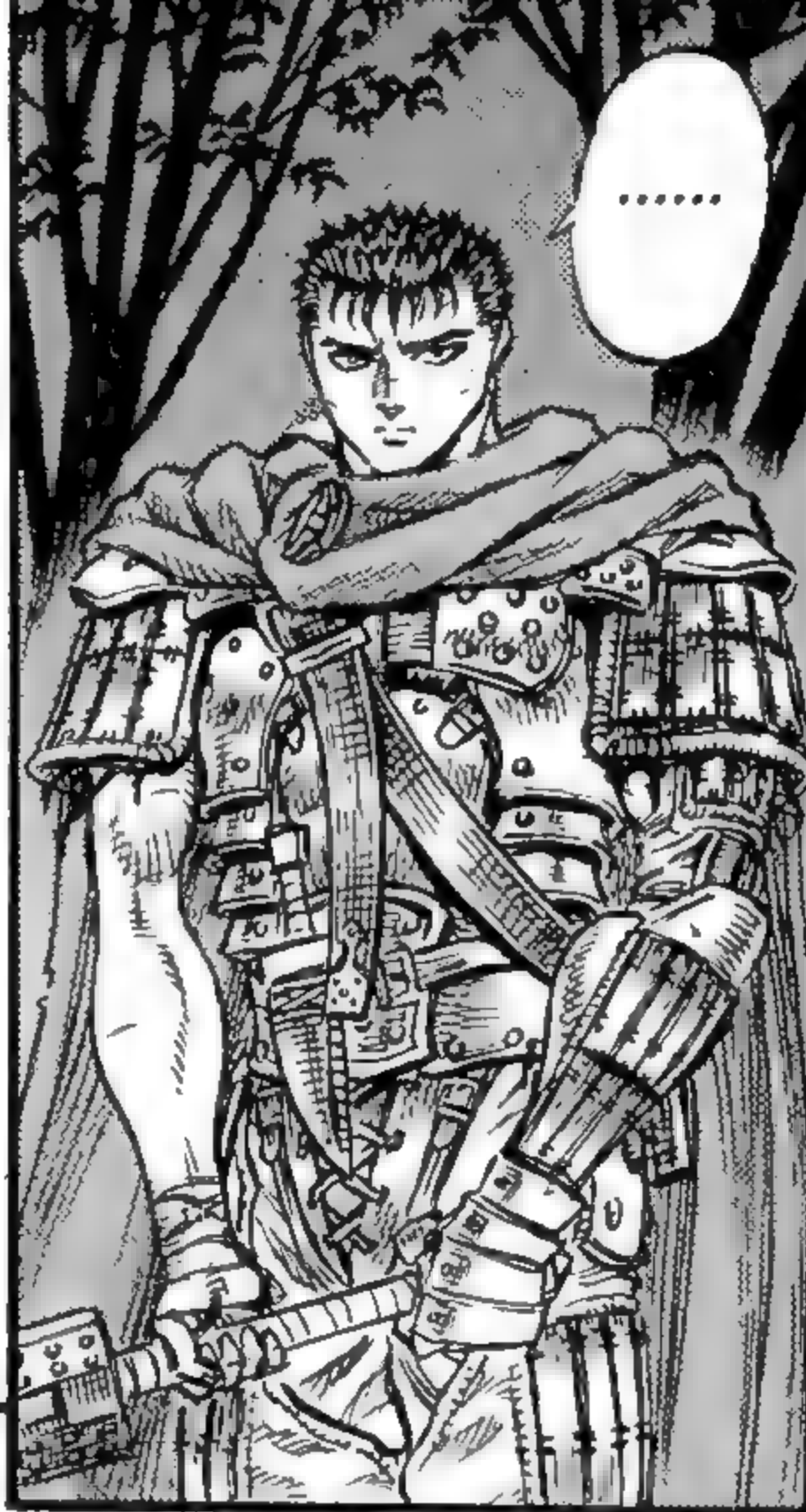
WHA
...?!

AIR
PRESSURE
...?!









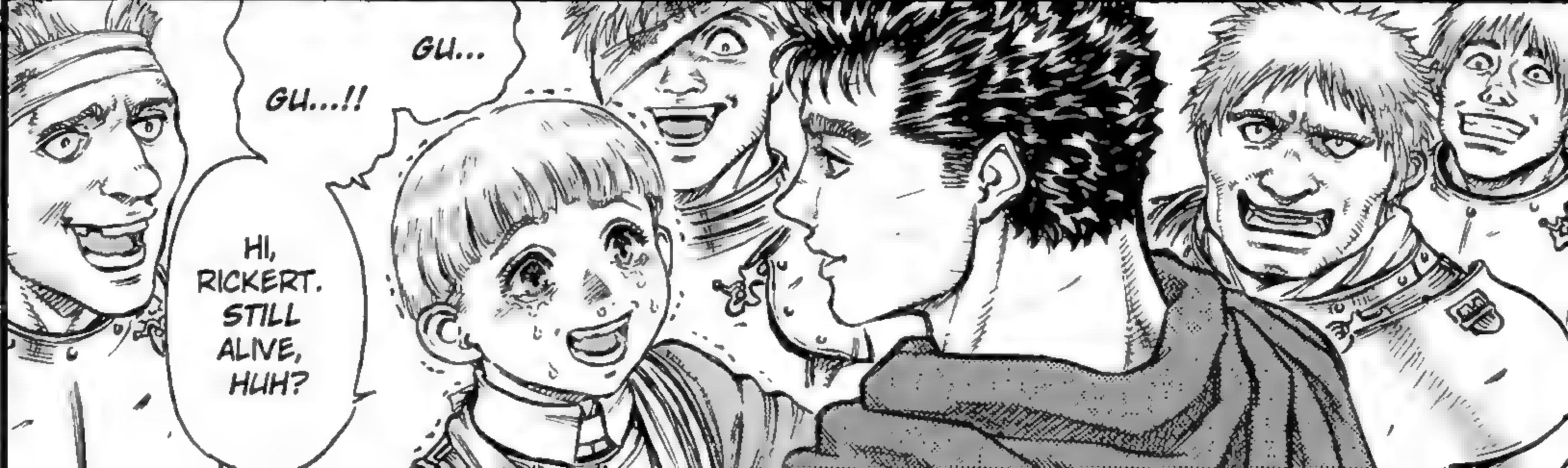
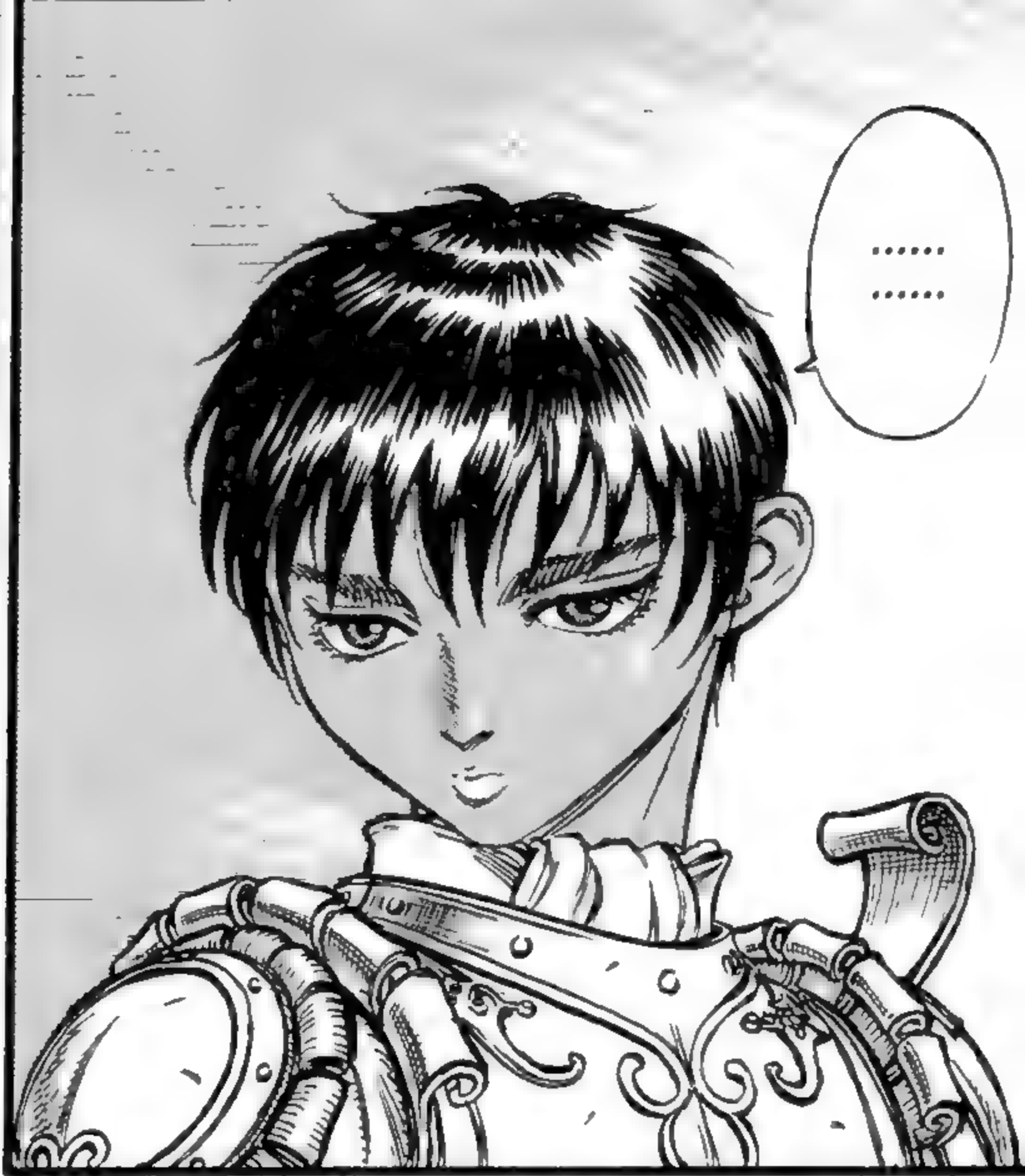
THE FIGHTER: END

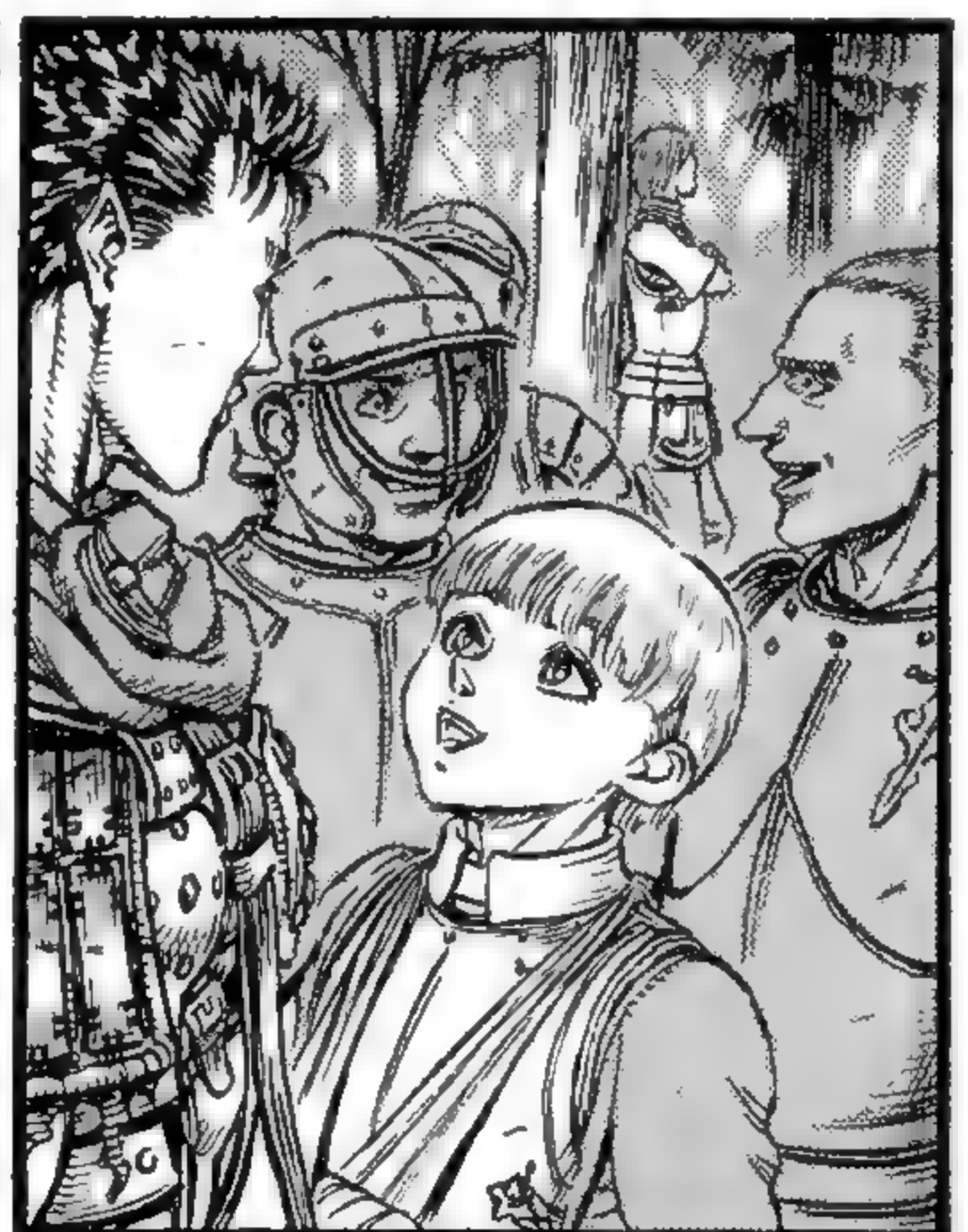
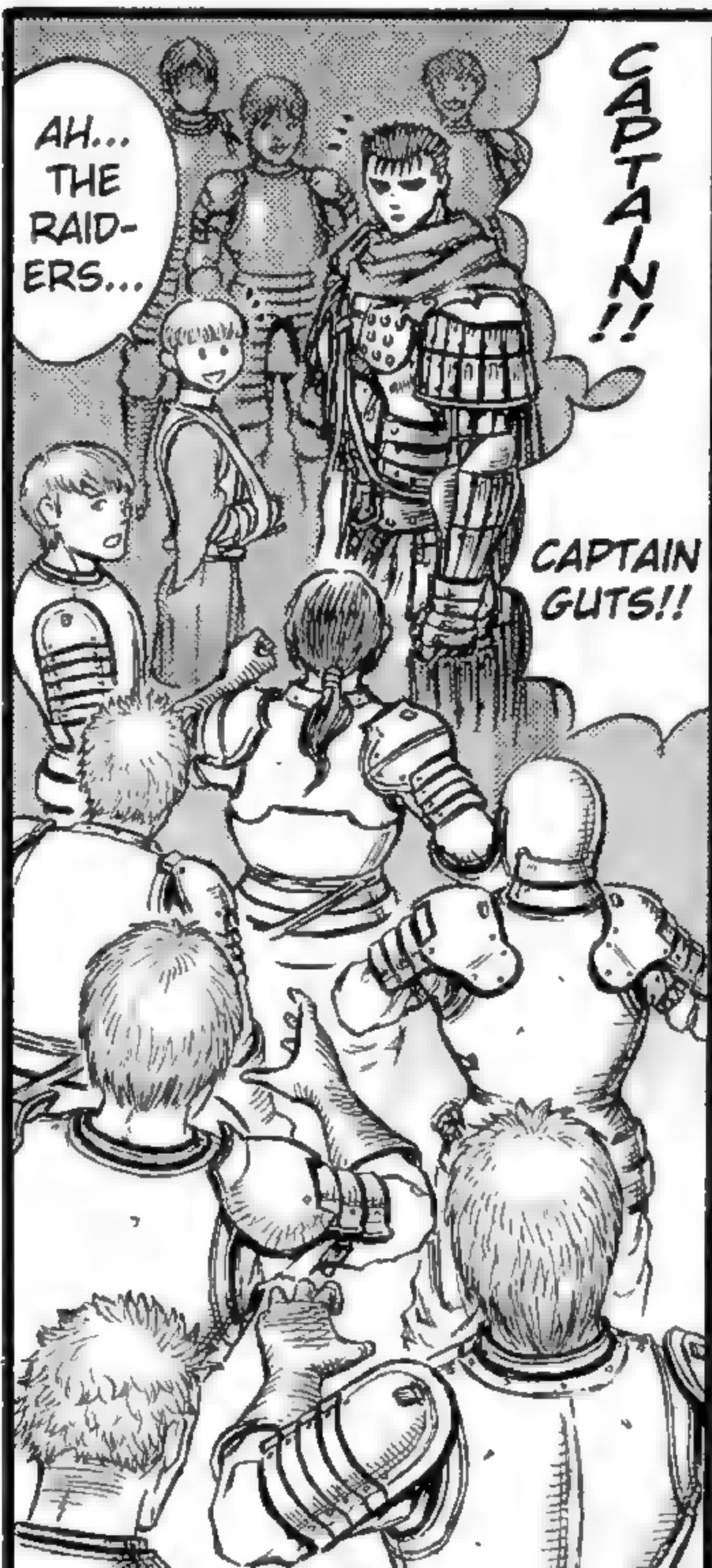
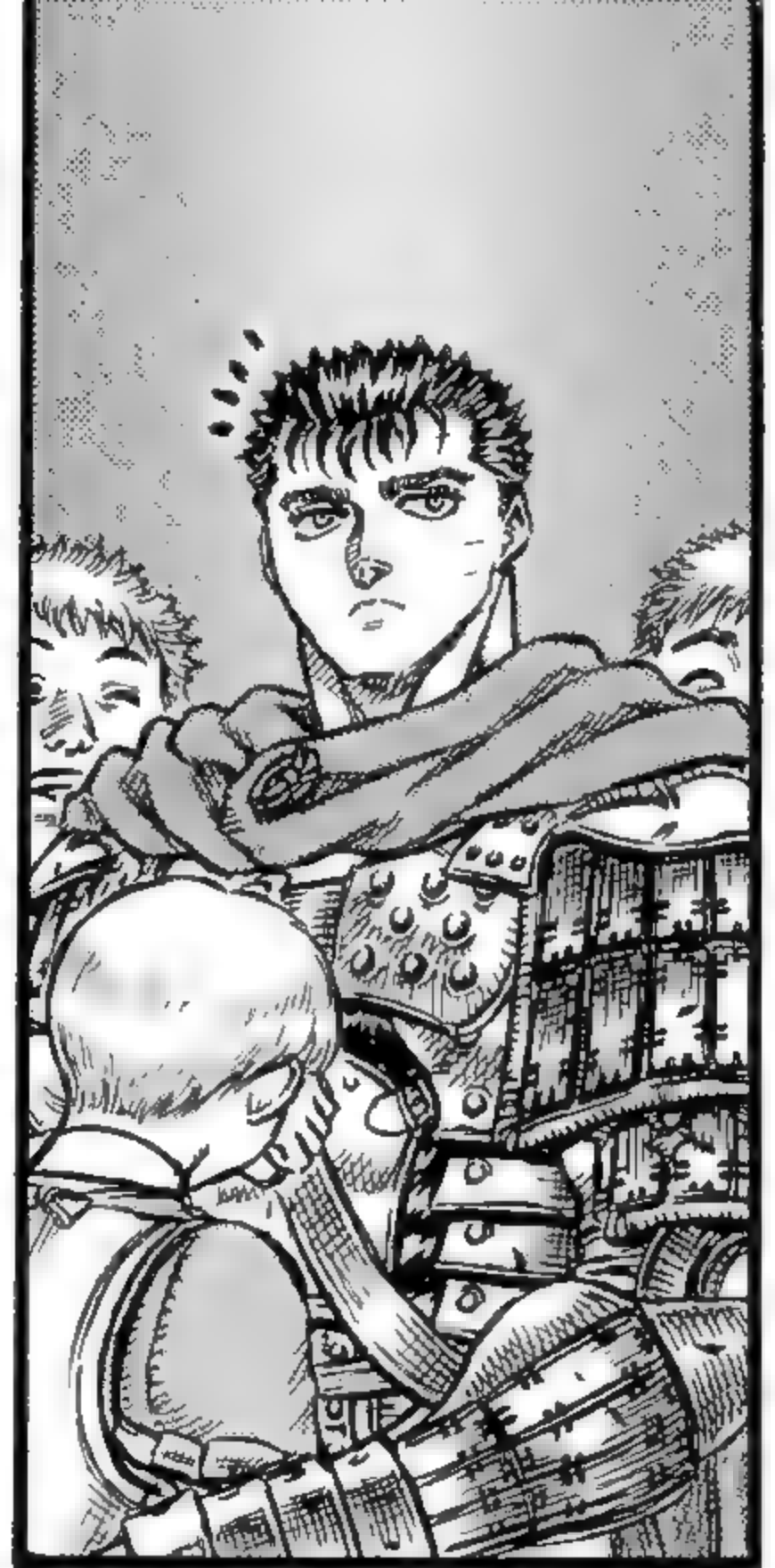
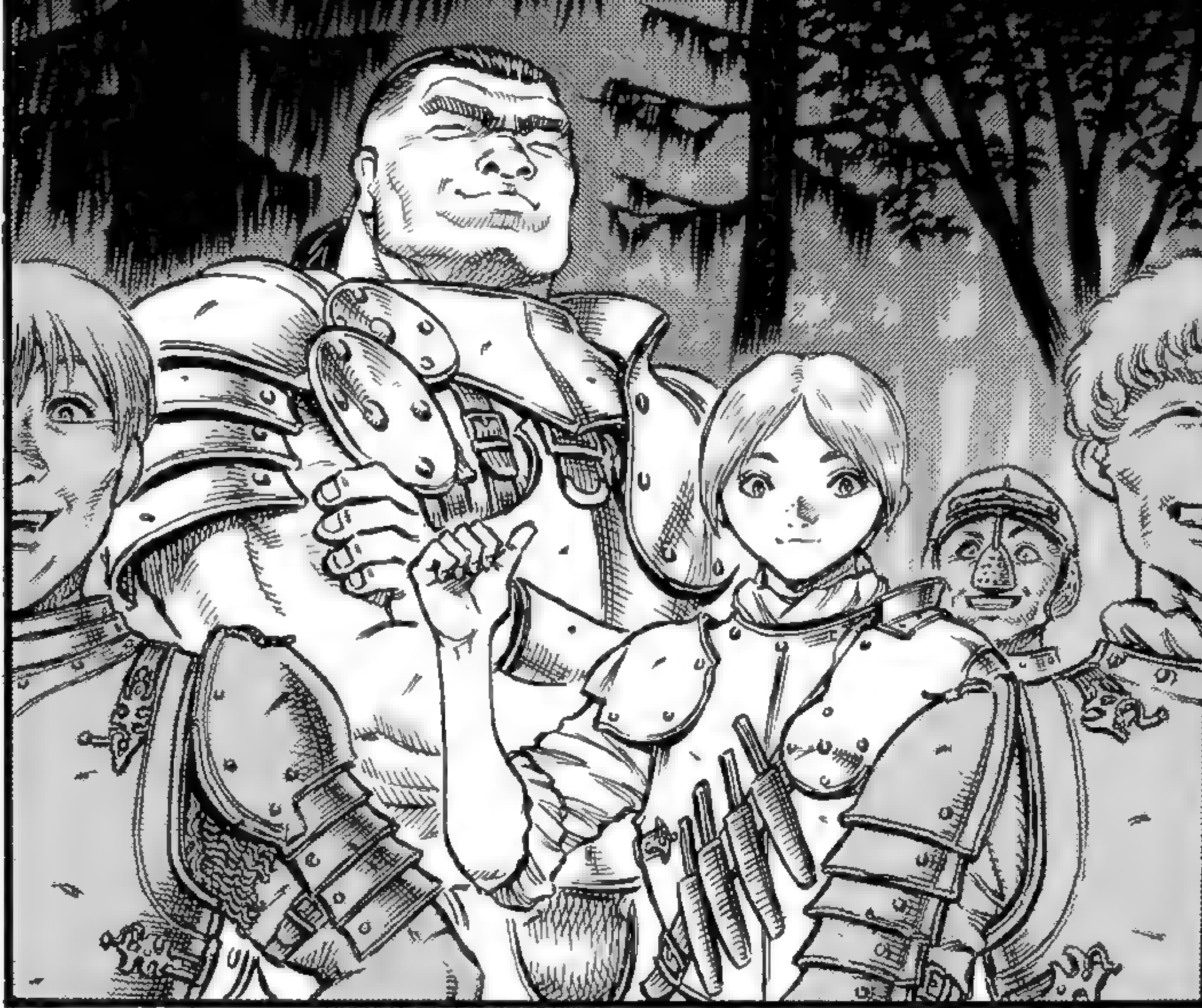


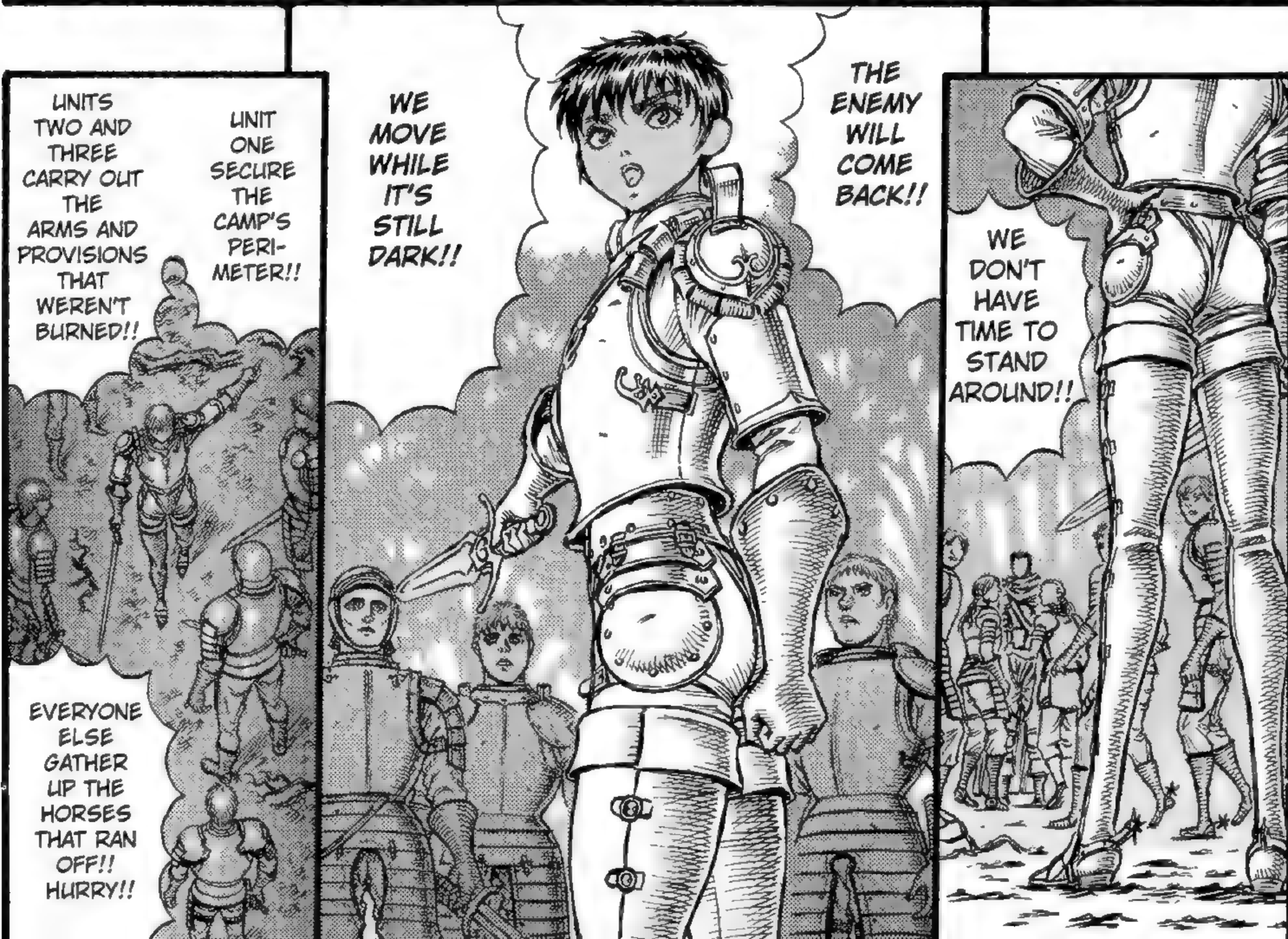
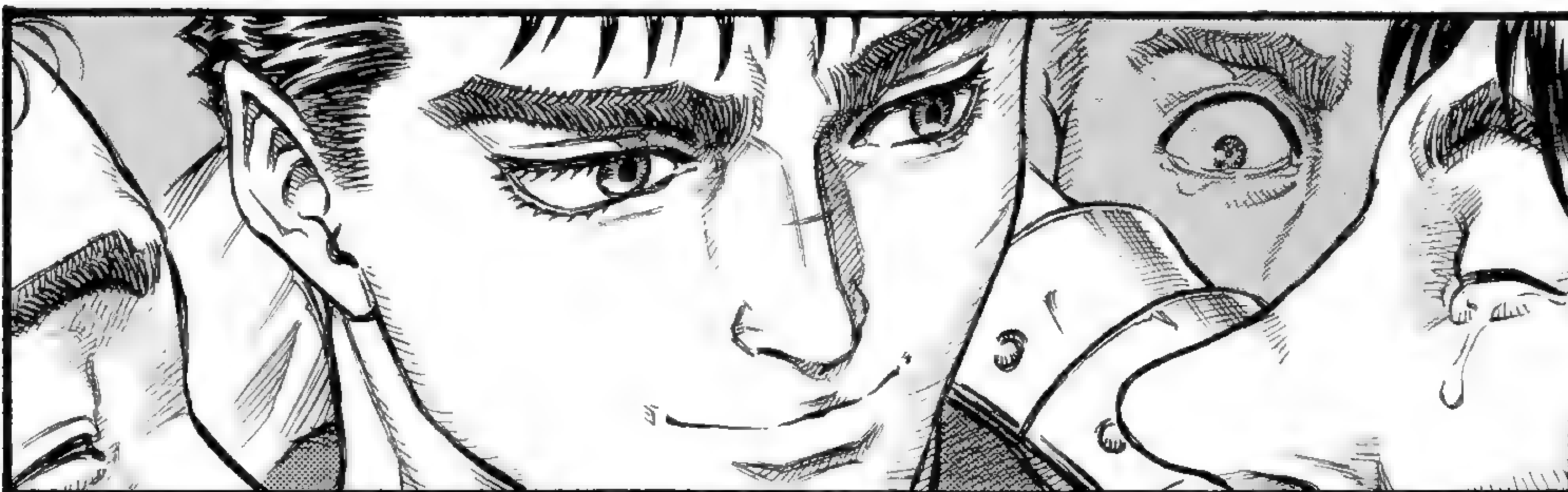
戦友

戰友

COMRADES IN ARMS







UNITS
TWO AND
THREE
CARRY OUT
THE
ARMS AND
PROVISIONS
THAT
WEREN'T
BURNED!!

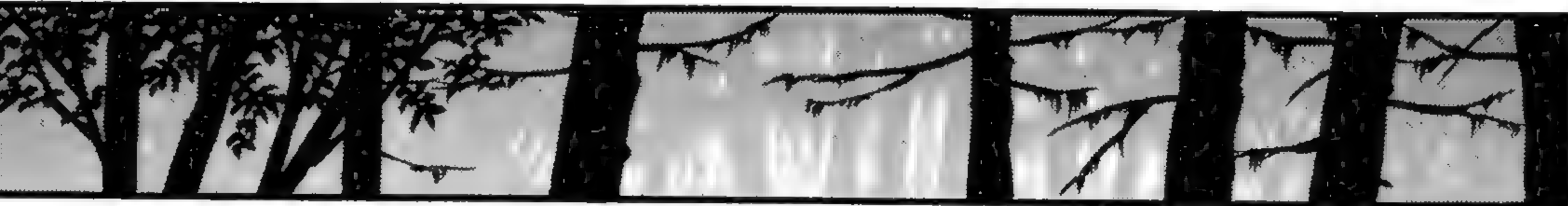
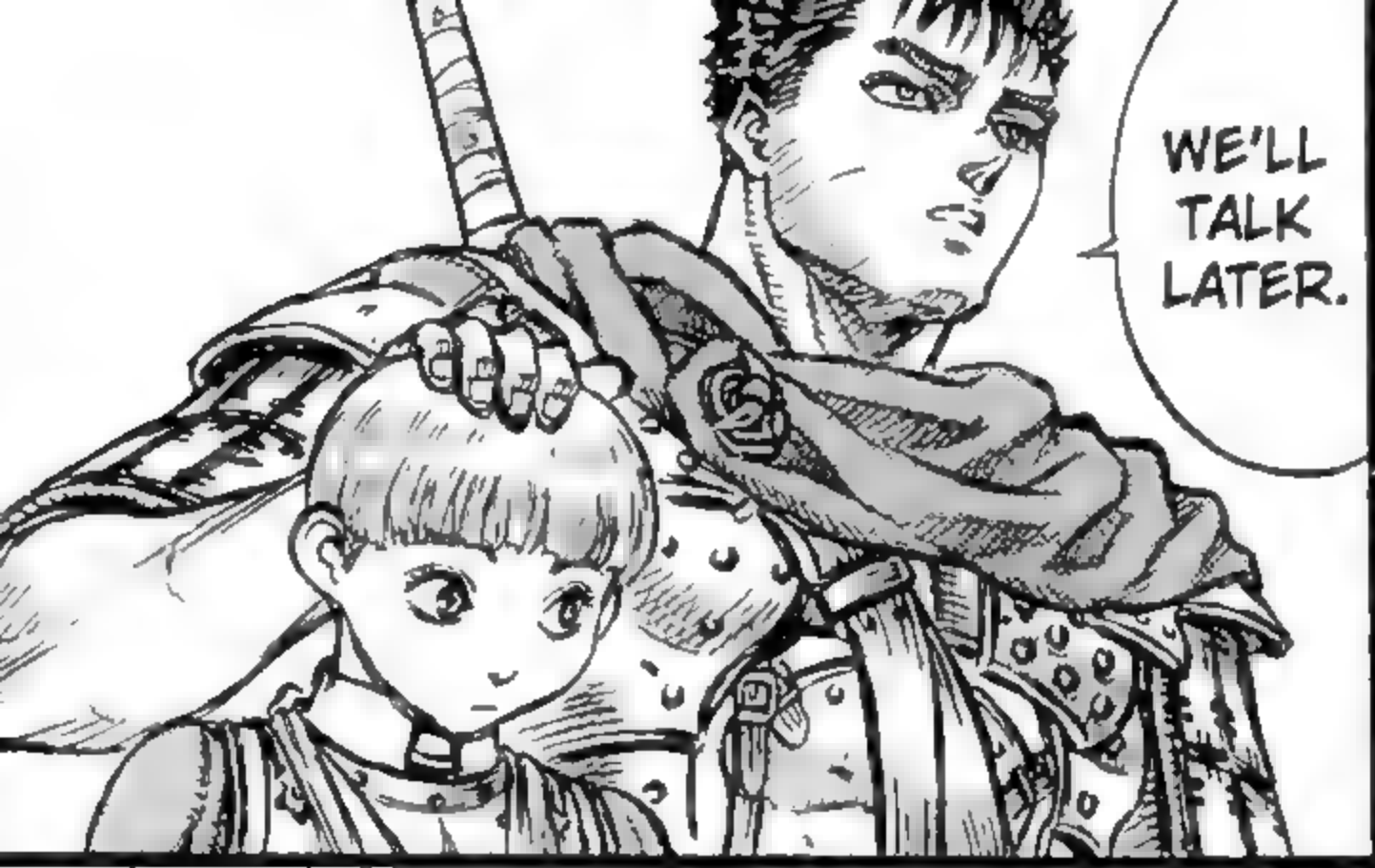
UNIT
ONE
SECURE
THE
CAMP'S
PERI-
METER!!

WE
MOVE
WHILE
IT'S
STILL
DARK!!

THE
ENEMY
WILL
COME
BACK!!

WE
DON'T
HAVE
TIME TO
STAND
AROUND!!

EVERYONE
ELSE
GATHER
UP THE
HORSES
THAT RAN
OFF!!
HURRY!!



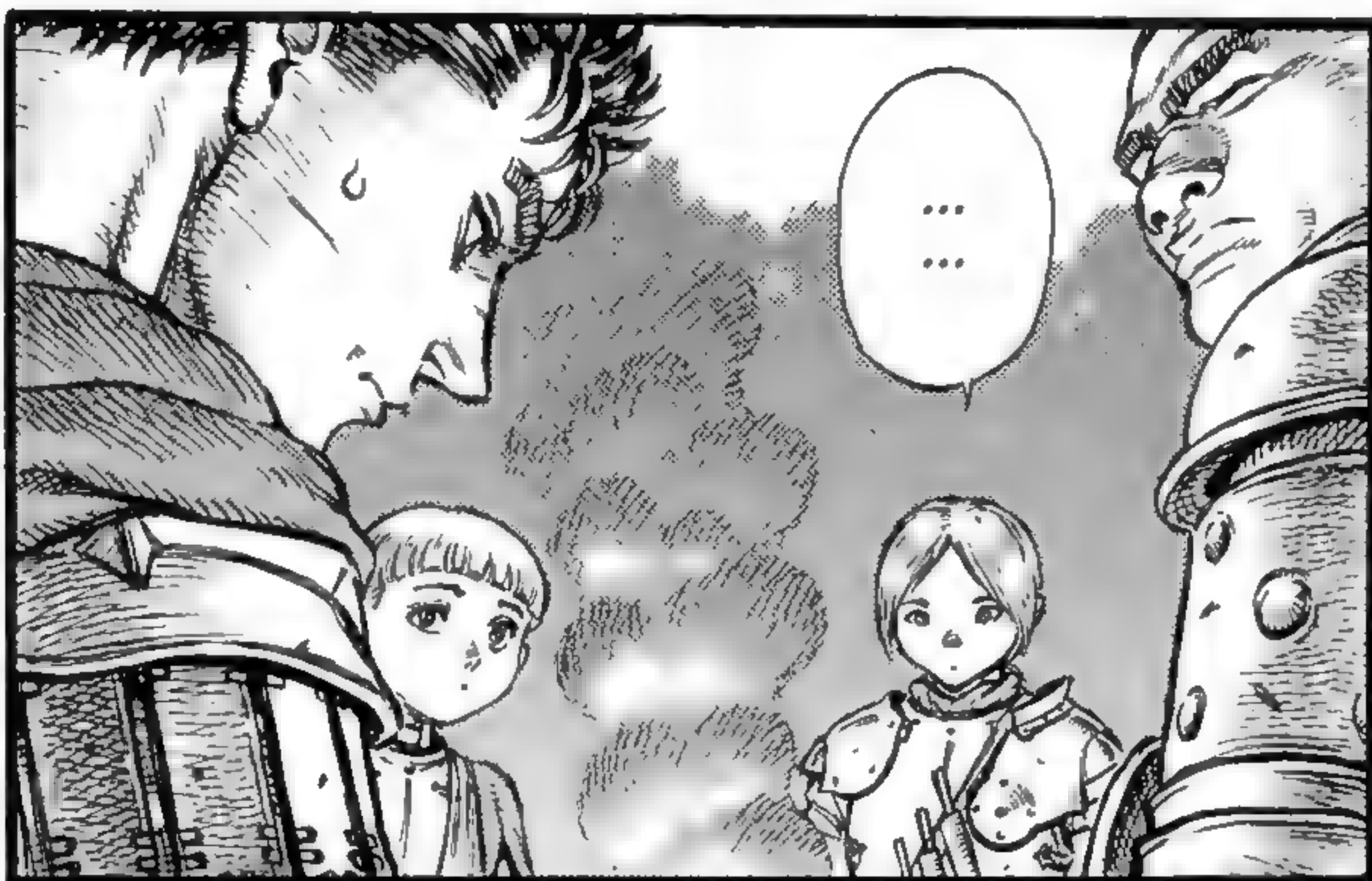


IT HAPPENED
A YEAR AGO,
THE DAY AFTER
YOU LEFT.



GRIF
...

GRIF-
FITH
WAS...



...
...

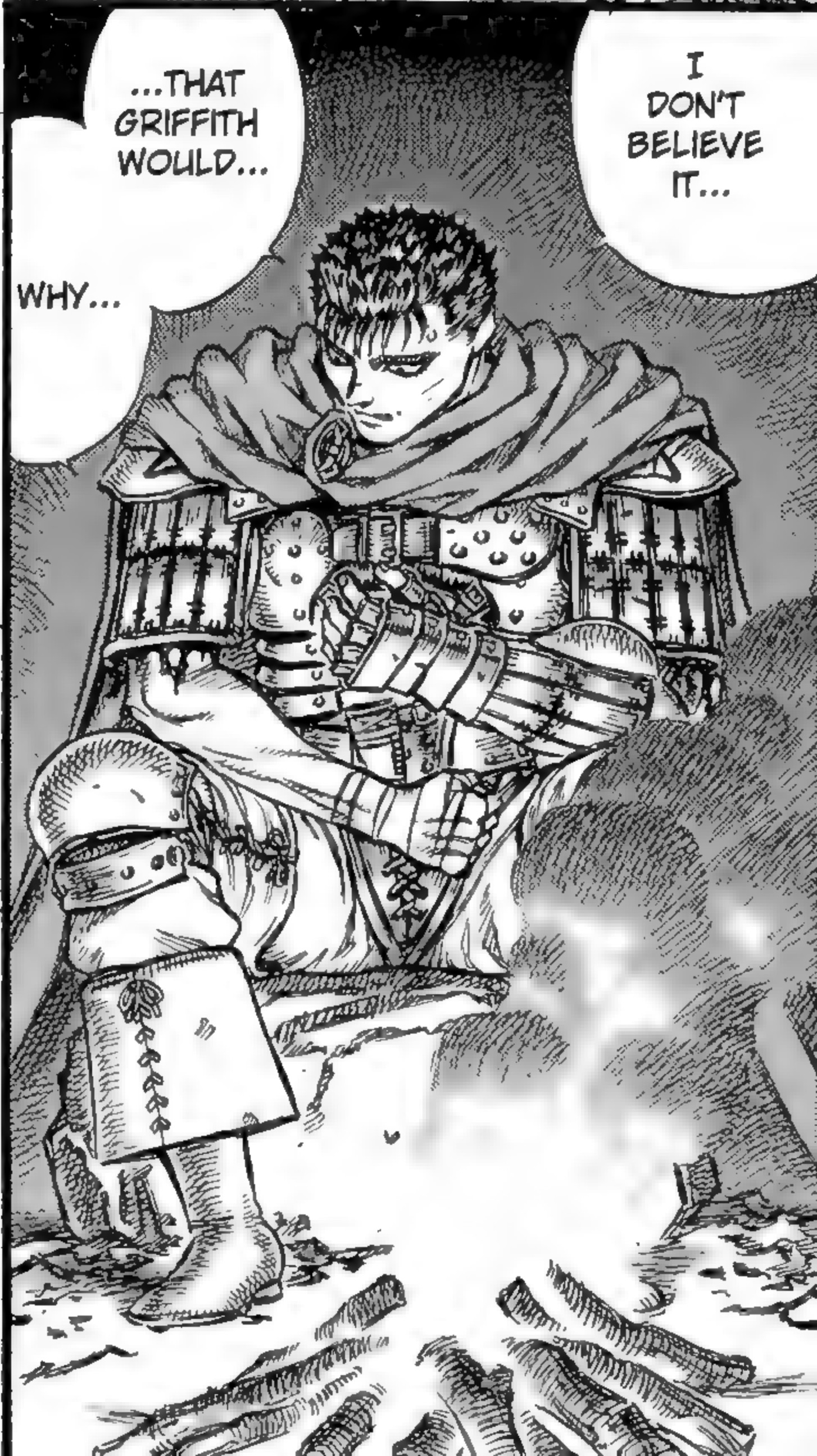


WHAT
I THINK
IS...

...IT MUST
HAVE BEEN
OVER YOU,
GUTS...

...GRIFFITH
WAS REALLY
DEPRESSED.

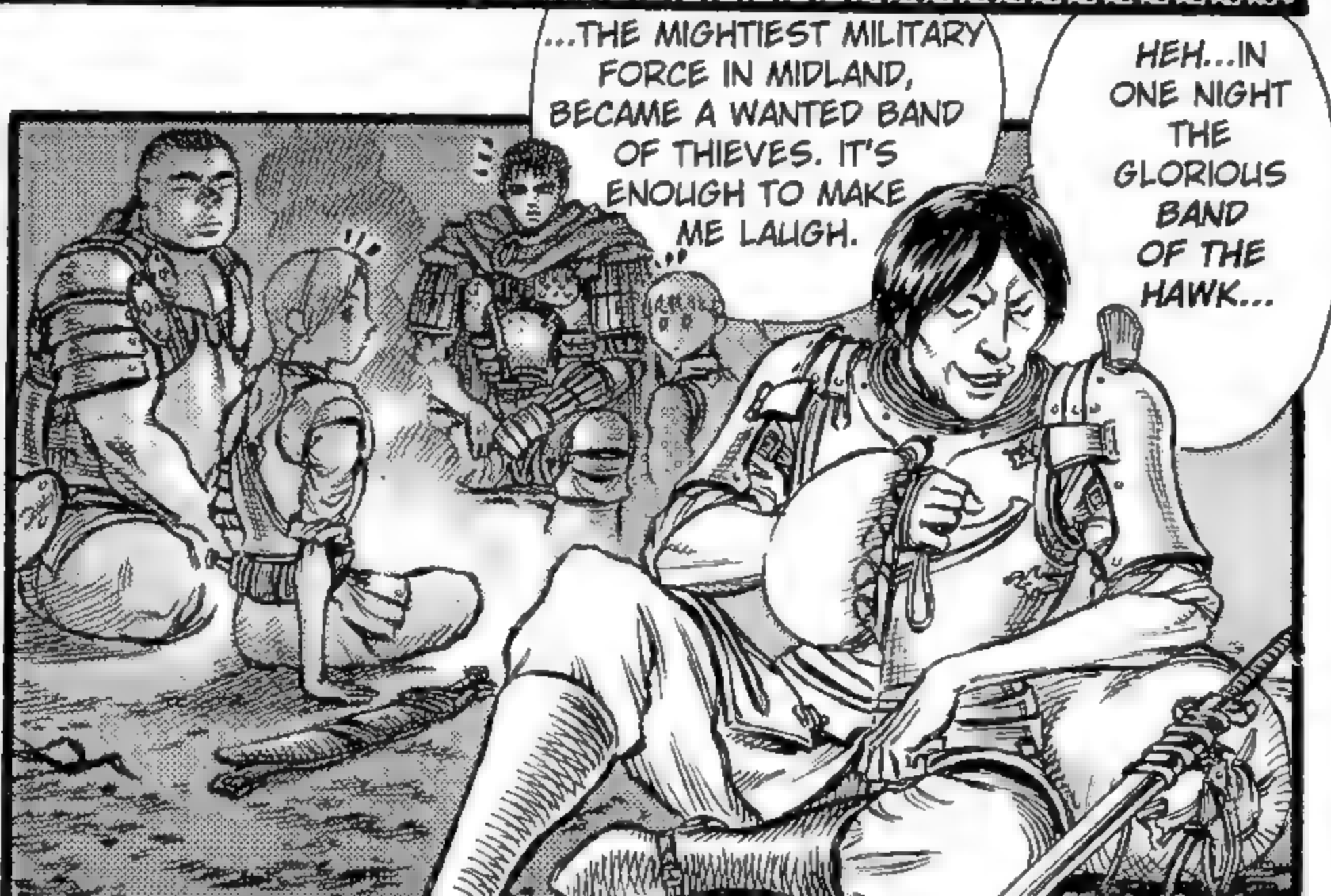
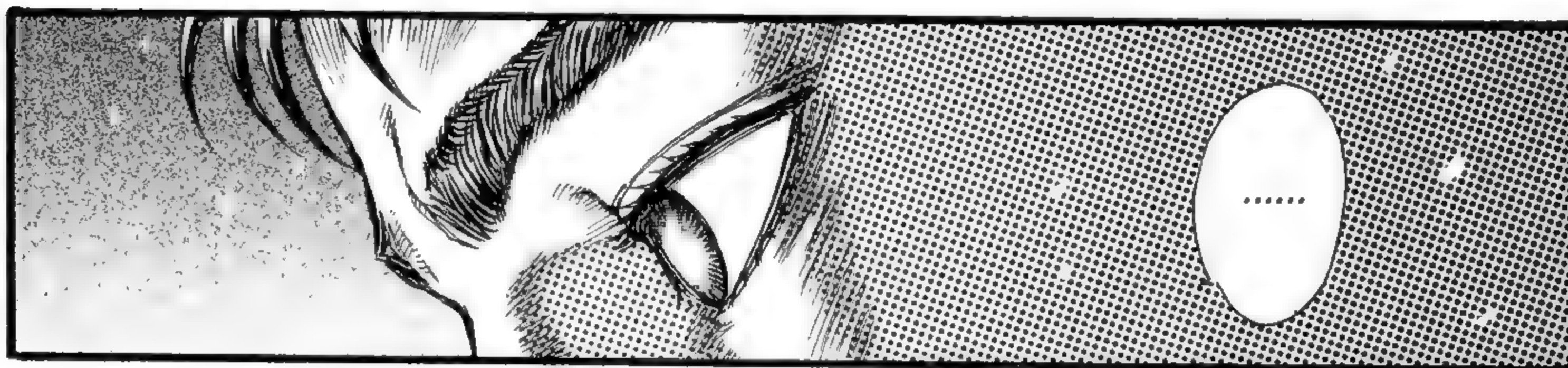
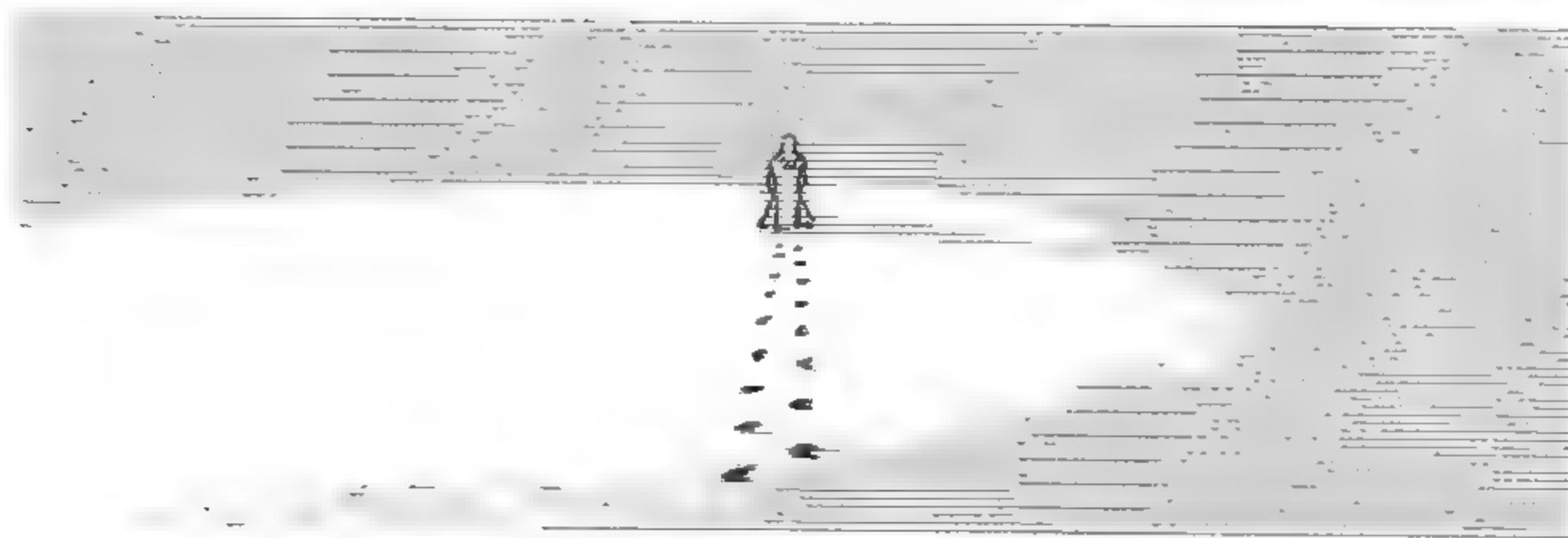
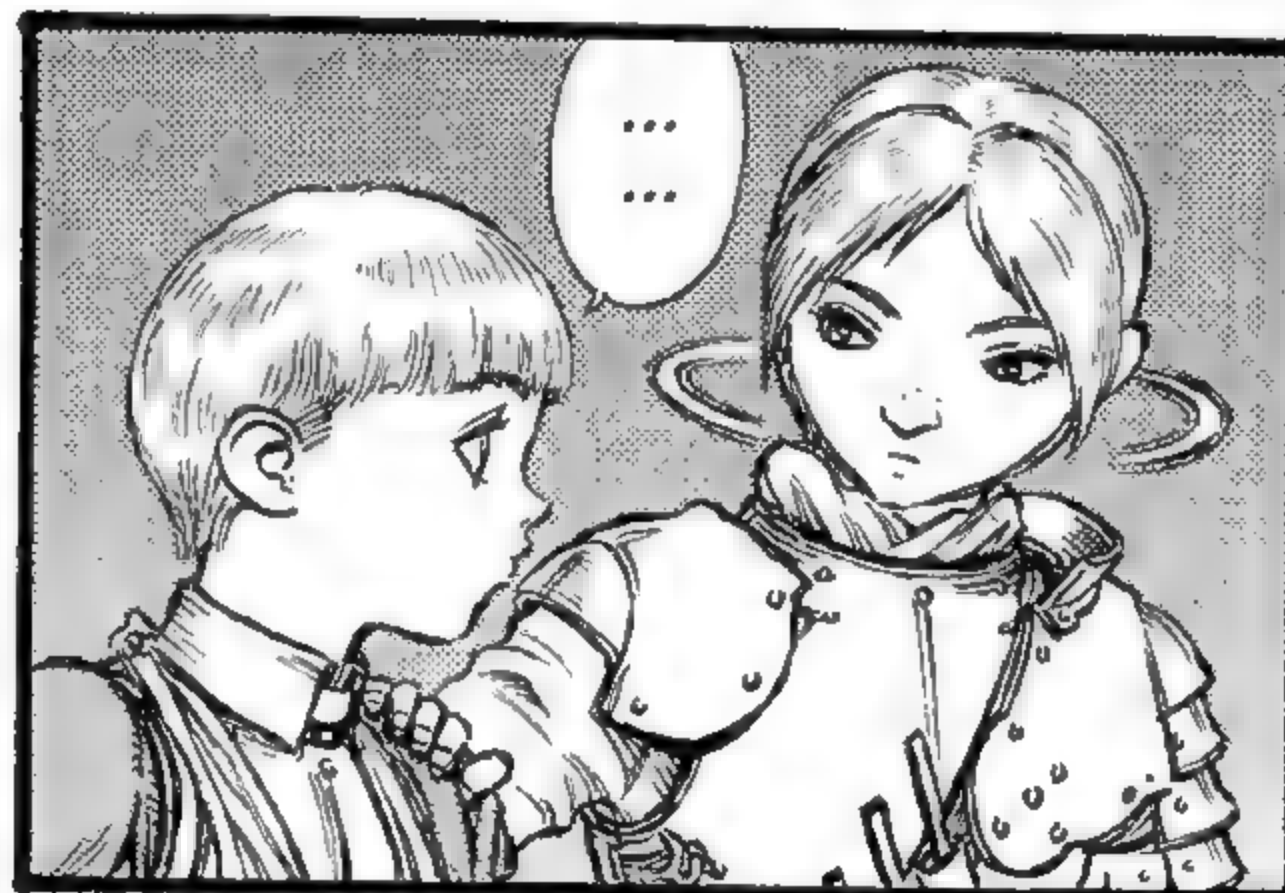
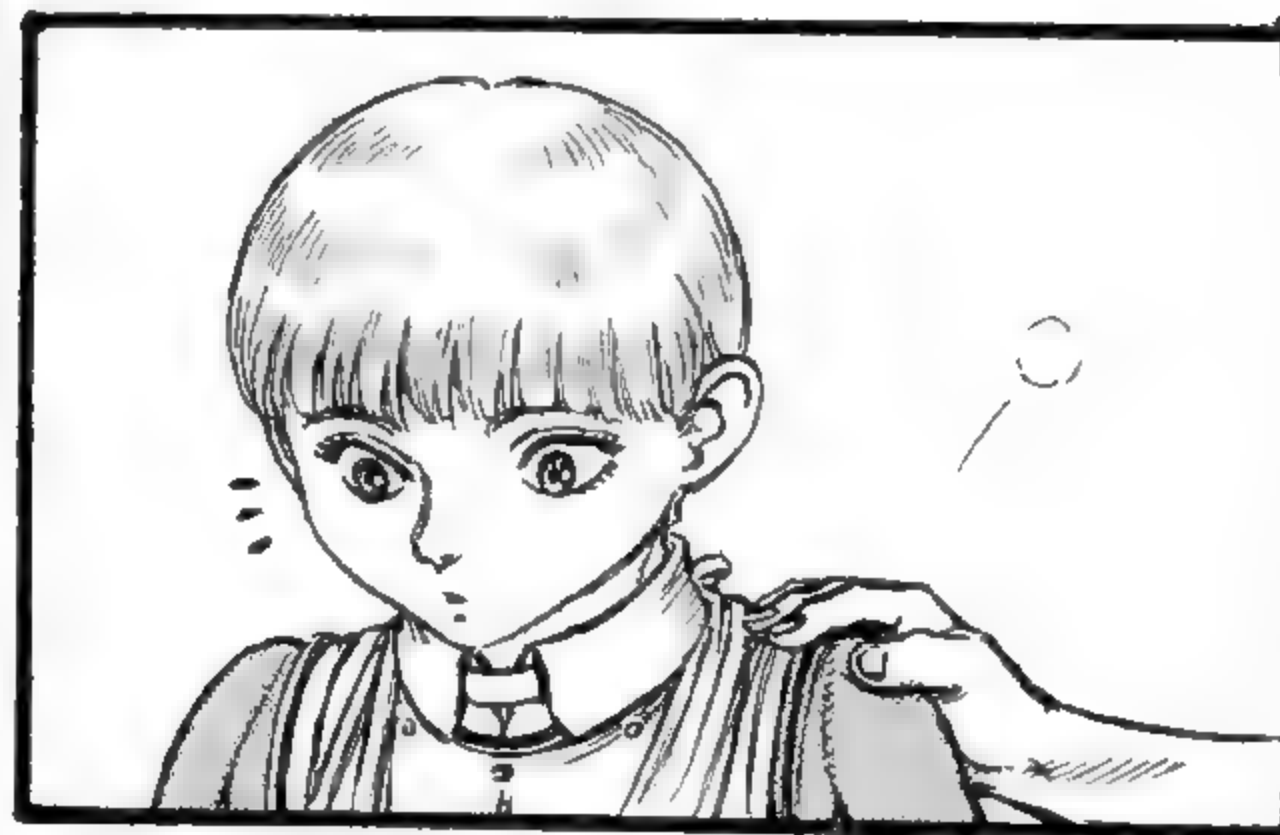
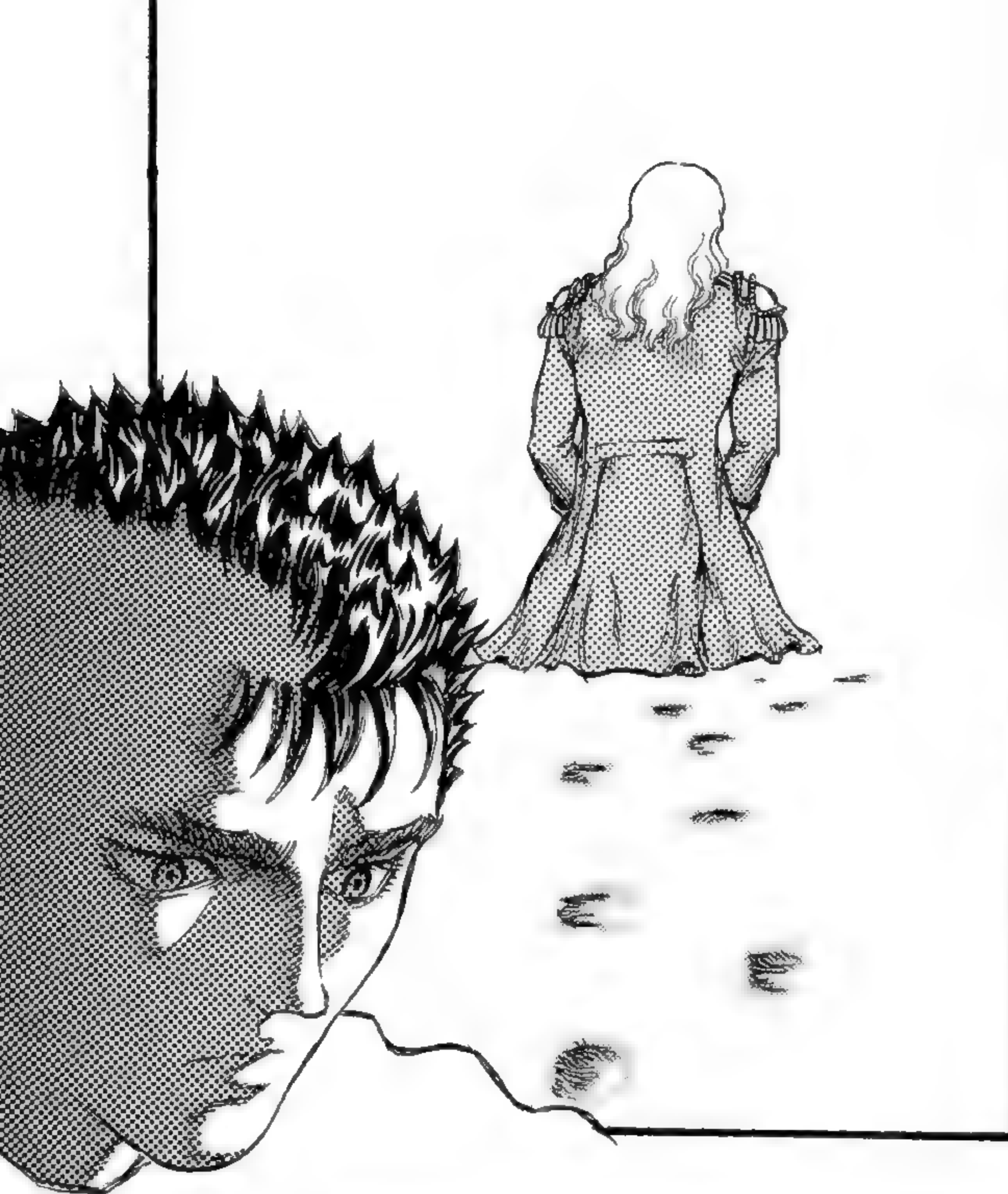
AFTER
YOU
LEFT...



...THAT
GRIFFITH
WOULD...

I
DON'T
BELIEVE
IT...

WHY...



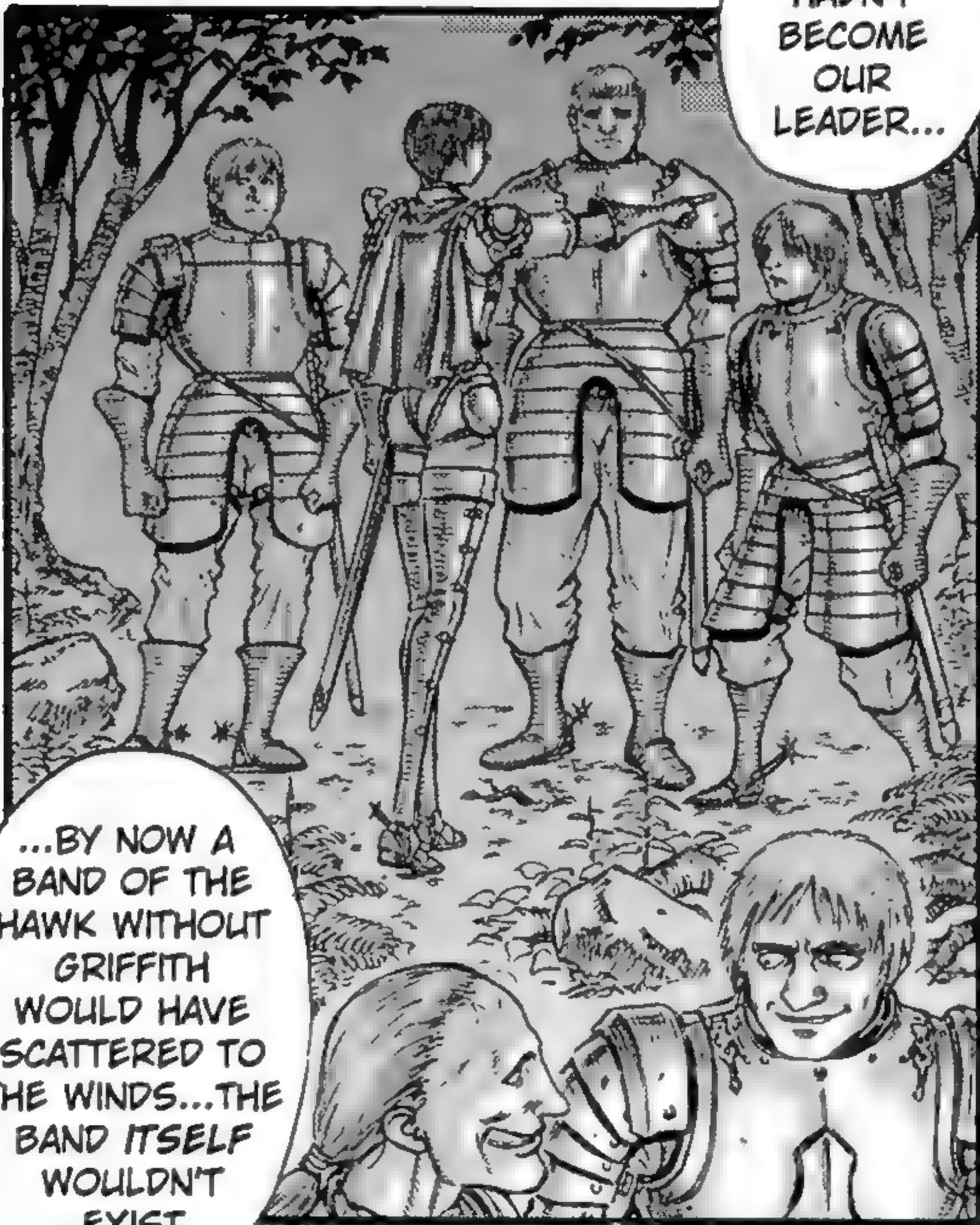


...
...



NO WAY.
NOT A CHANCE.

THE REASON THIS HAPPENED TO GRIFFITH ...
...AIN'T BECAUSE A' YOU.



IF CASCA HADN'T BECOME OUR LEADER...



SOME FELL TO THE ENEMY, SOME LEFT ON THEIR OWN...WE CAN'T EVEN BE CALLED AN ARMY ANYMORE.

IN ONE YEAR WE'VE DROPPED TO LESS THAN A FIFTH IN NUMBER.

...BY NOW A BAND OF THE HAWK WITHOUT GRIFFITH WOULD HAVE SCATTERED TO THE WINDS...THE BAND ITSELF WOULDN'T EXIST.



BUT IT STILL COULD'VE BEEN WORSE.



...IF CASCA HADN'T TAKEN COMMAND.

NOT JUST THAT...I THINK WE WOULD HAVE BEEN WIPED OUT THAT DAY IF...



SHE DID?

...
...



SHE RALLIED EVERYONE, ON THE VERGE OF PANIC WITH ARROWS COMING DOWN LIKE RAIN, AND LED THE VANGUARD IN BREAKING THROUGH ONE SIDE OF THE NET.

SHE WAS AMAZING... WITHOUT ANY WEAPONS, SURROUNDED BY CLOSE TO TEN TIMES OUR NUMBER...



.....!!

SHE CONTINUED TO COMMAND US ALL TO THE END, NOT LOSING CONSCIOUSNESS EVEN WITH FIVE ARROW WOUNDS.



NOT ONE PERSON OPPOSED IT, AFTER THAT TERRIFIC DEED.

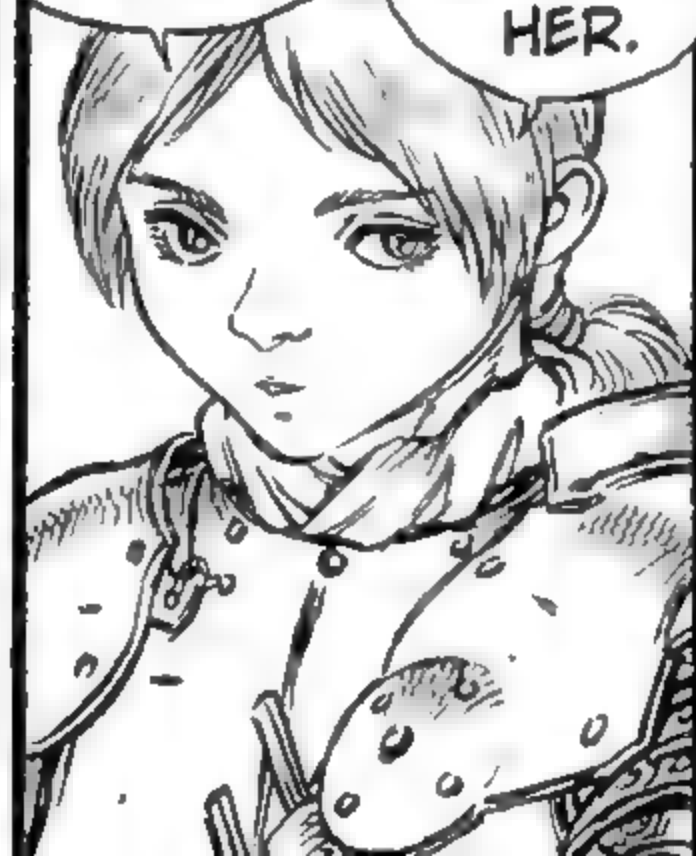
SO, SINCE THEN CASCA HAS BEEN ACTING AS OUR LEADER.



...IF THE HAWKS ARE TO SURVIVE.

IF WE'RE TO...

BUT WE'VE GOT NO ROOM FOR ANY OTHER OPTION. TO BE HONEST I THINK IT'S A LITTLE UNFAIR TO HER.





TODAY A
REPORT CAME
FROM SPIES
SLIPPED INTO
WINDHAM
THAT THEY'VE
FOUND
GRIFFITH'S
LOCATION.

WE
HAVEN'T
ONLY BEEN
RUNNING
AROUND.



...IT'S NOT
ALL GRIM
NEWS.

WELL...



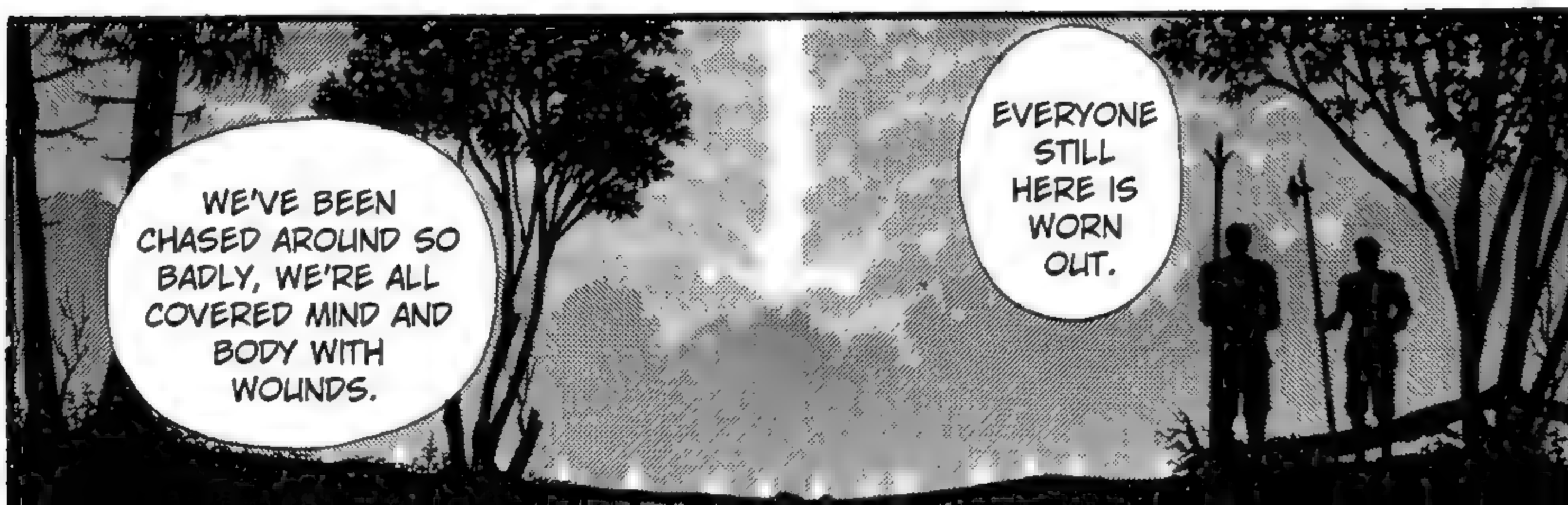
WE'RE SOON
GOING TO MOVE
FORWARD
ON A PLAN
WE'VE BEEN
GOING OVER
THE PAST
YEAR.

...



...
GRIF-
FITH.

WE'LL
RESCUE
...



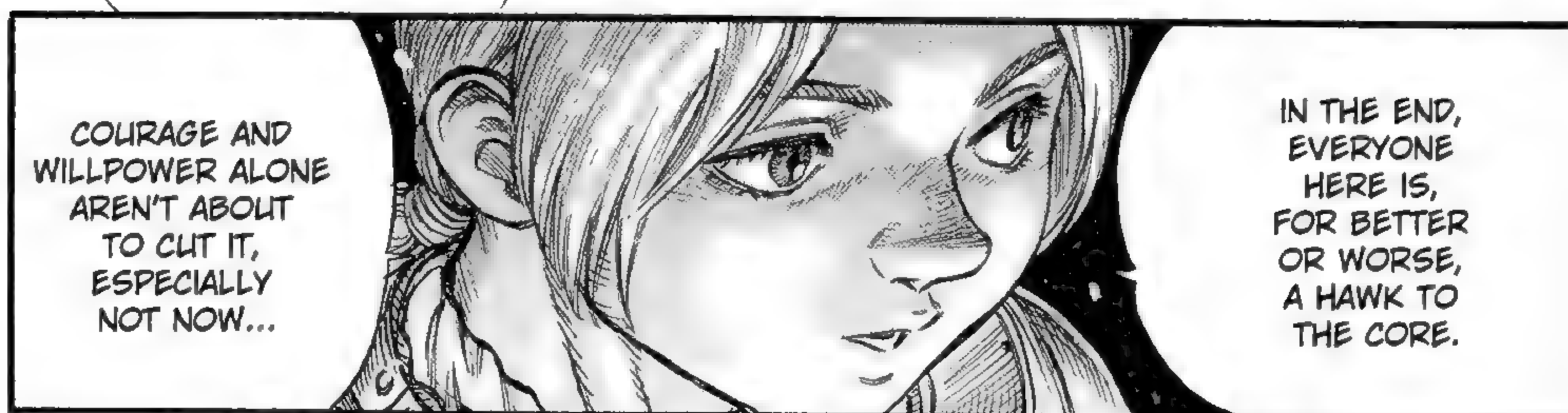
WE'VE BEEN
CHASED AROUND SO
BADLY, WE'RE ALL
COVERED MIND AND
BODY WITH
WOUNDS.

EVERYONE
STILL
HERE IS
WORN
OUT.



BUT THERE'S
NO ONE LEFT
WHO WOULD
TRY TO
LEAVE.

NO ONE'S BEEN
COERCED INTO
STAYING, EITHER.



COURAGE AND
WILLPOWER ALONE
AREN'T ABOUT
TO CUT IT,
ESPECIALLY
NOT NOW...

IN THE END,
EVERYONE
HERE IS,
FOR BETTER
OR WORSE,
A HAWK TO
THE CORE.



.....



WE
DON'T
GO JUST
TO SAVE
GRIFFITH.

WE
CAN'T
GET
STARTED
AGAIN
WITHOUT
HIM.



...



...



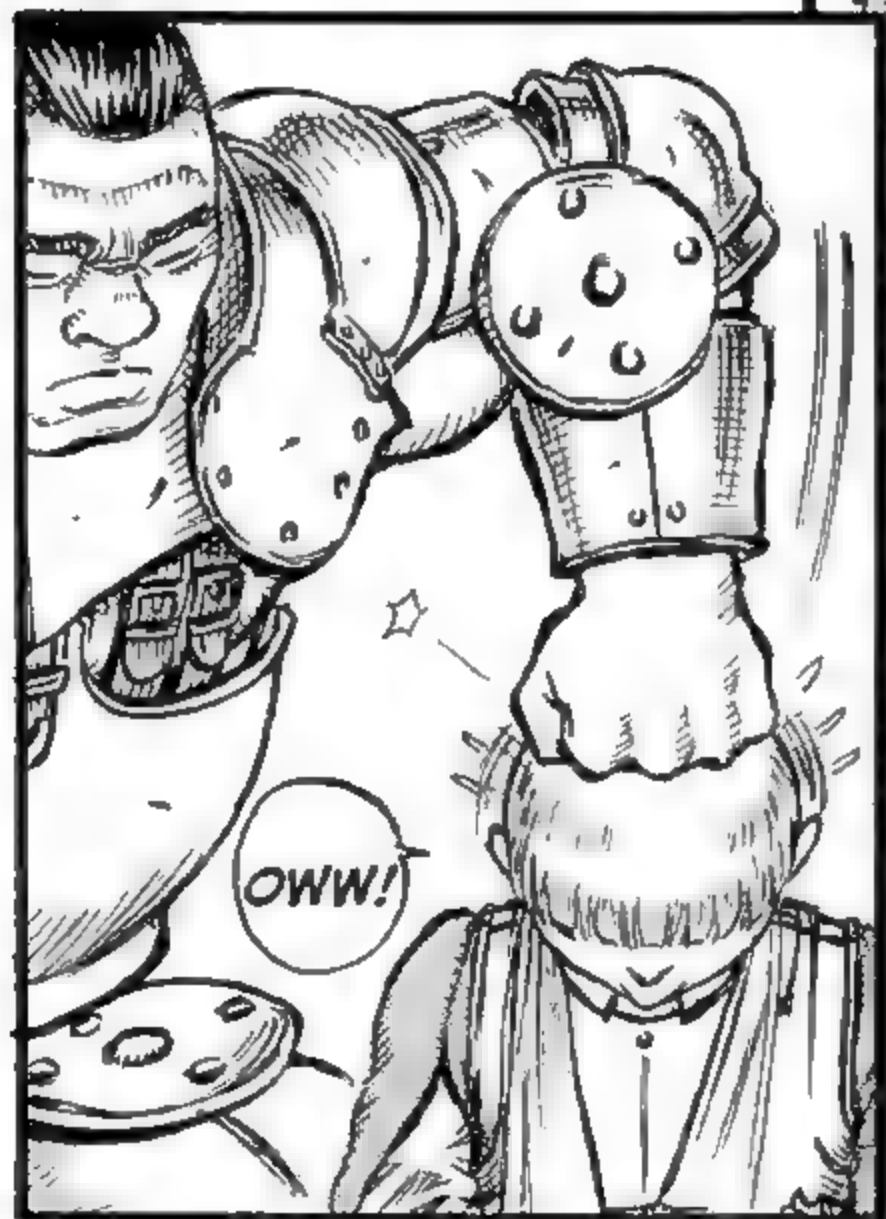
Y'KNOW
...



IT'S A
GOOD
THING.

HUH
...?

...WHEN
THE PLACE
YOU COME
BACK TO
HASN'T
CHANGED...
...IT'S A
GOOD
THING.



OWW!



HAVEN'T RUMORS
ABOUT THE HAWKS
SPREAD TO OTHER
COUNTRIES? HOW
COME YOU DIDN'T
COME SOONER...?



...WHAT'VE
YOU BEEN
DOING
THIS PAST
YEAR?

ON
THAT
NOTE
...



I'M SORRY,
RICKERT.
I REALLY
DIDN'T
KNOW.

BUT
HOW? WERE
YOU ON A
DESERTED
ISLAND OR
SOMETHING?

YEAH,
RIGHT!

Y--



MOUNTAIN
TRAINING...

PRACTIC-
ALLY WAS
A DESERTED
ISLAND...



YOU
MUST BE
REALLY
CRAZY
ABOUT IT.

BUT,
WELL, I
GUESS
IT'S
YOUR
THING.

WOW...
THAT'S
PRETTY OLD-
FASH-
IONED.

HE'S
JUST
PLAIN
CRAZY.



...AND
SWUNG
THIS
SWORD.

I WENT
INTO THE
MOUN-
TAINS...



BUT...

...I
FOUND
OUT ONE
THING.

NO...
I
FELT
IT.



SO...

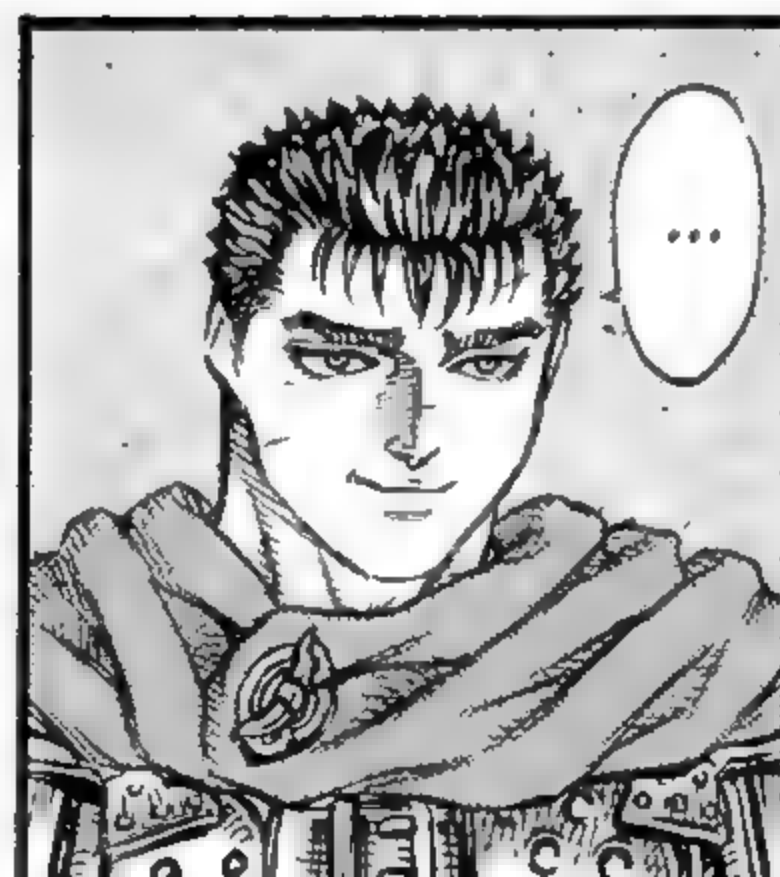
DID
YOU
FIND
IT?

YOU
KNOW
...

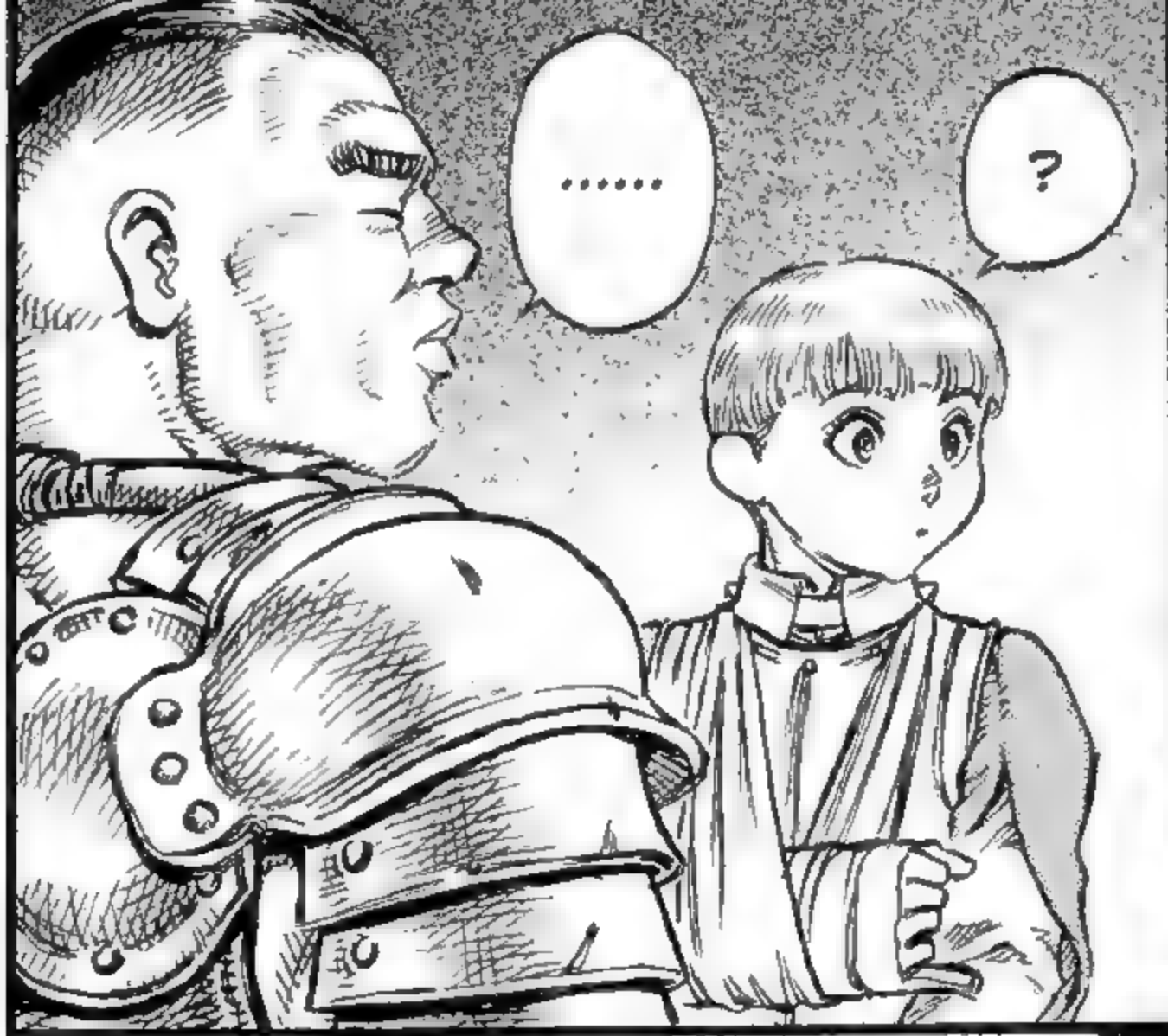


...I STILL
DON'T
KNOW.

HON-
ESTLY
...

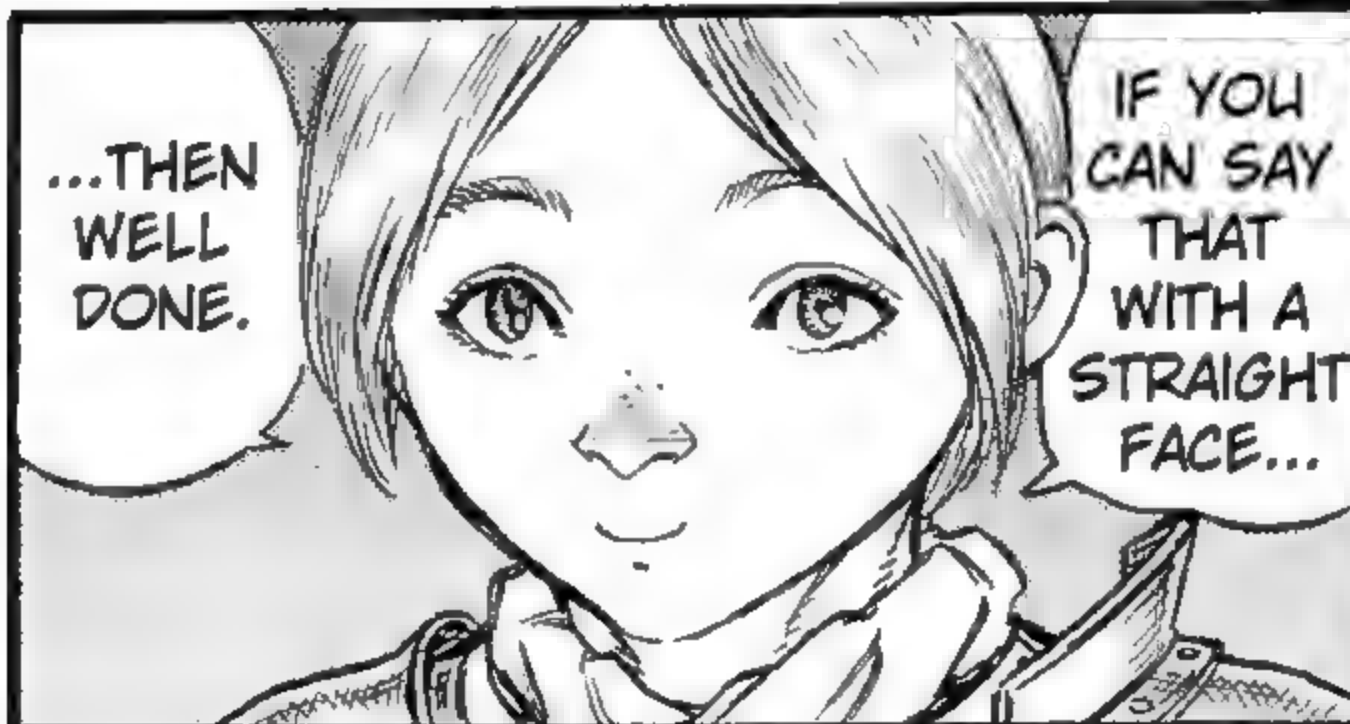


...



.....

?



...THEN
WELL
DONE.

IF YOU
CAN SAY
THAT
WITH A
STRAIGHT
FACE...



...IS PROOF
WE STILL HAD
SOME LUCK
LEFT.

ANYWAY,
YOU'RE
COMING
BACK...



...
RAIDERS
CAPTAIN.

I HOPE
YOU'LL
HELP
US...

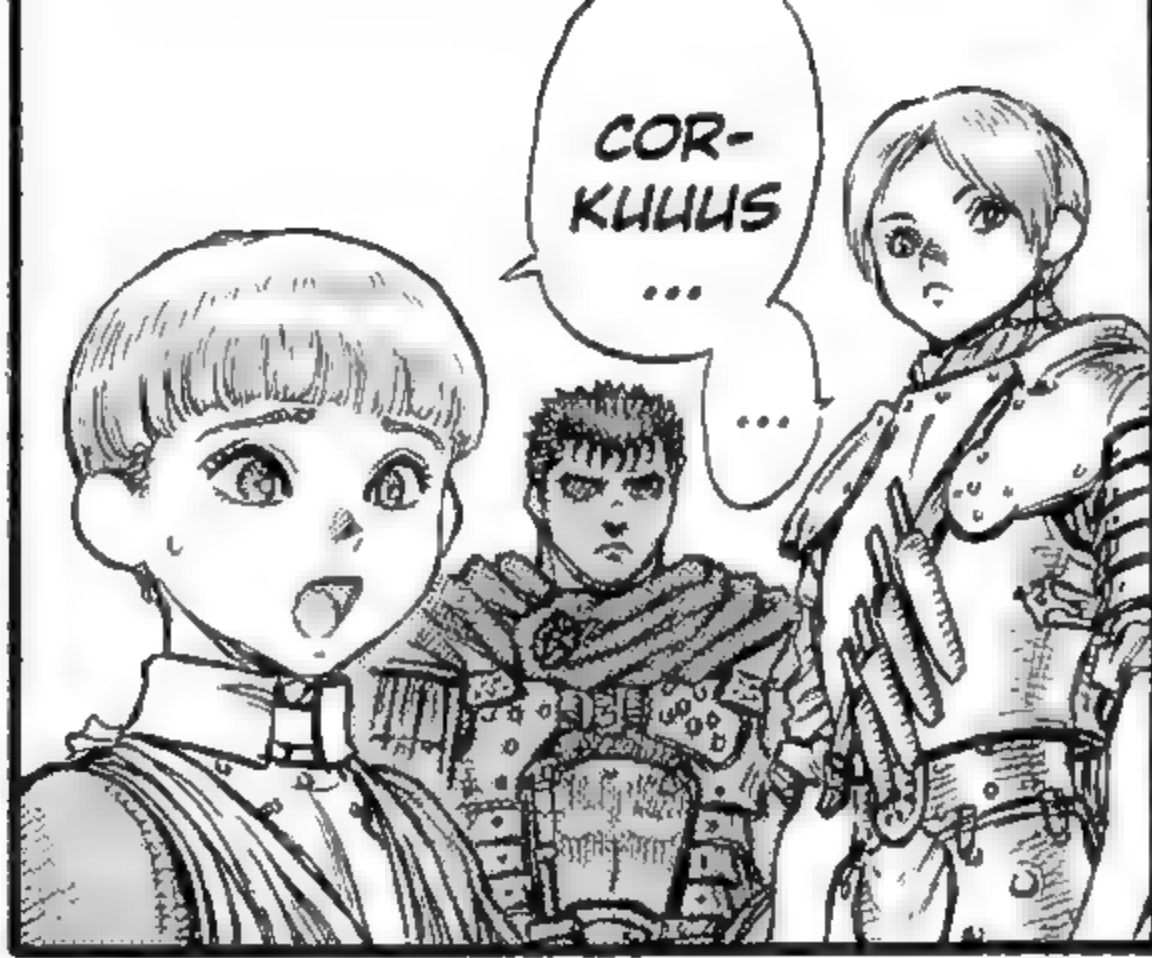


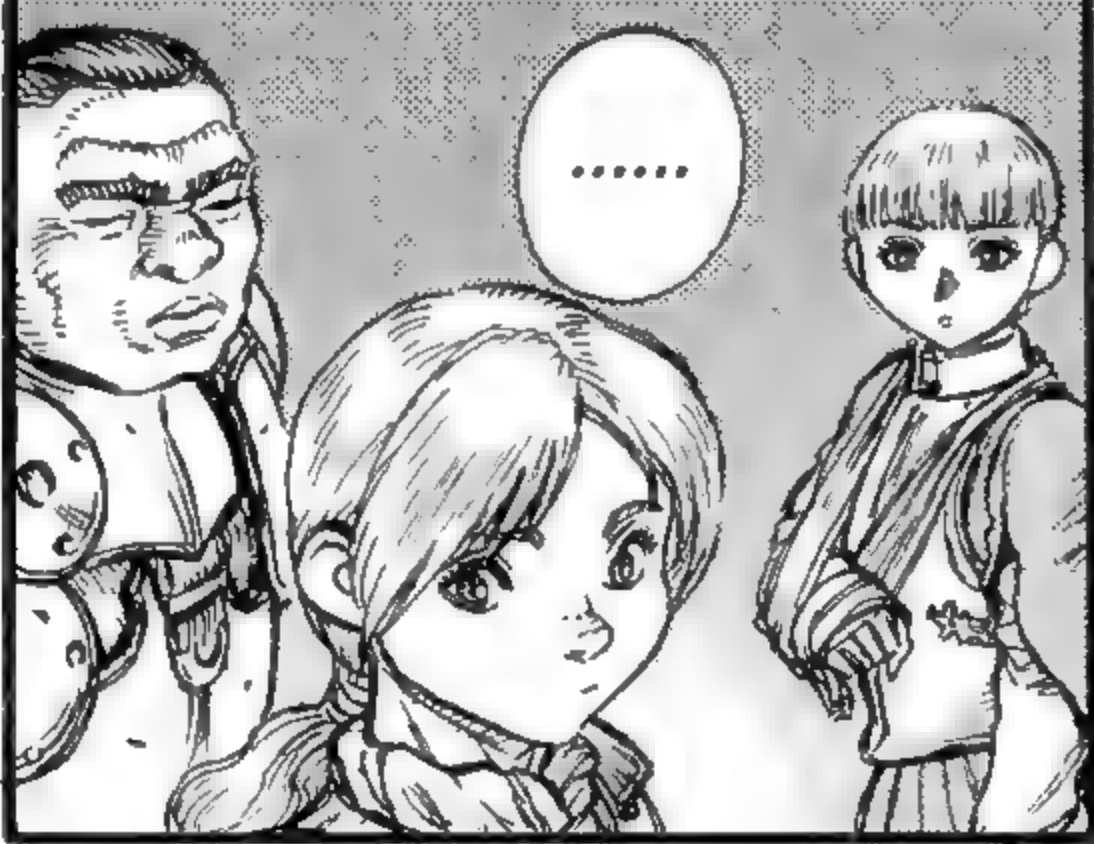
SEEMS
LIKE,
FOR
ME...

...NOTHING
BUT
WIELDING
THIS...

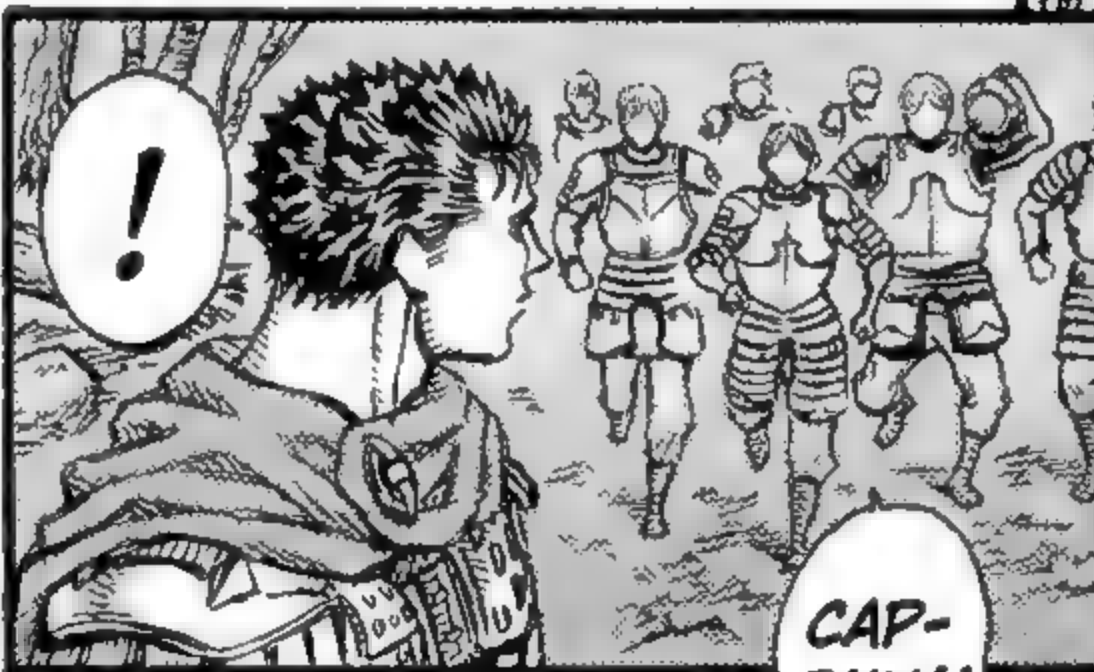
...REALLY
FEELS
TRUE.

THERE'RE
NO OTHER
ANSWERS.
IT FEELS
NATURAL.



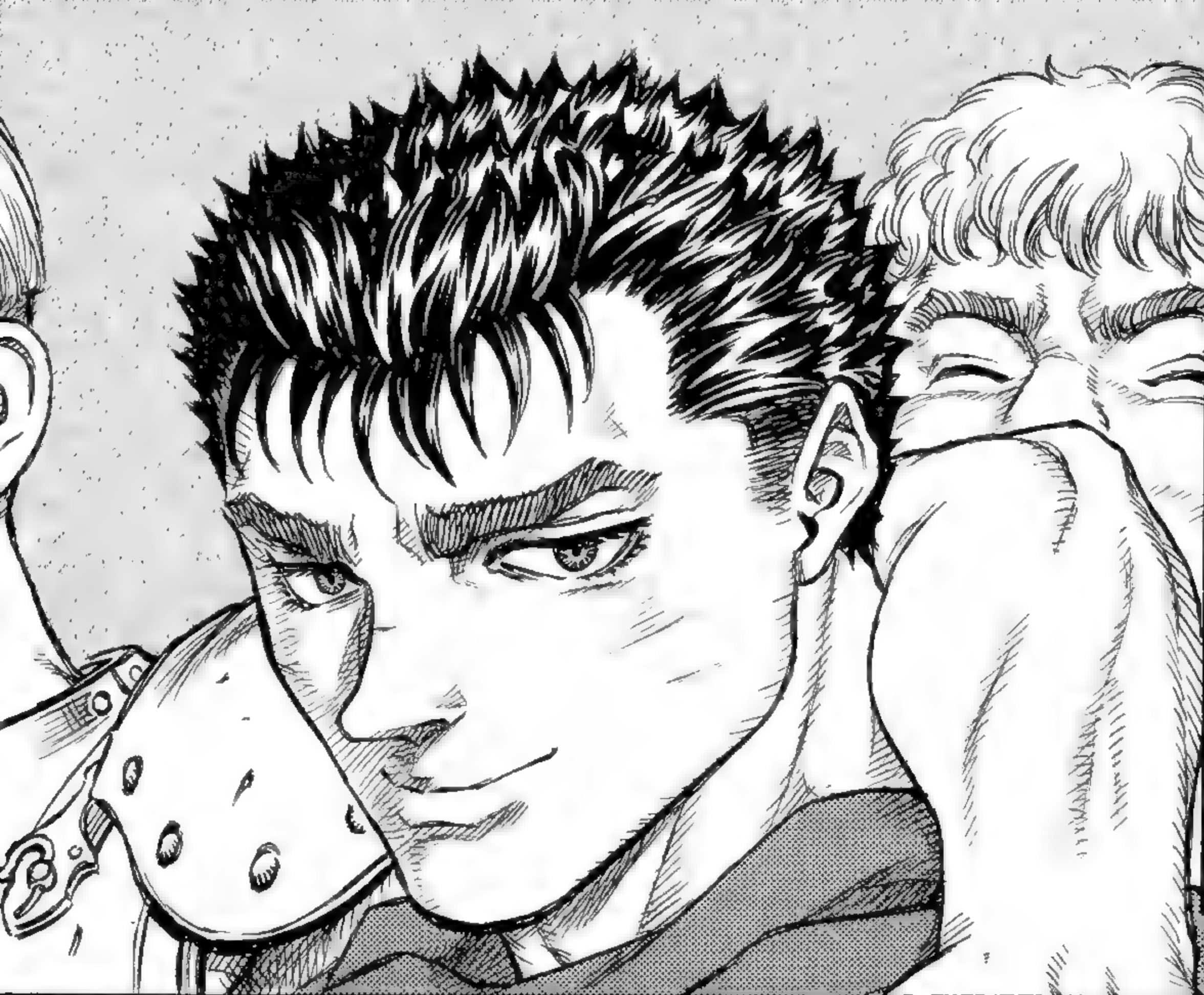


I
GET
IT.



CAP-
TAIN!!





SAME
FOR
YOU,
RIGHT,
CAP-
TAIN?



THANKS
TO THOSE
WOUNDS
A YEAR
AGO...

...SHE SPENT
THREE DAYS AND
THREE NIGHTS IN
A COMATOSE STATE
NEAR DEATH.



BE-
FORE
THAT...

WAIT A
MINUTE.



!
ABOUT
CASCA.

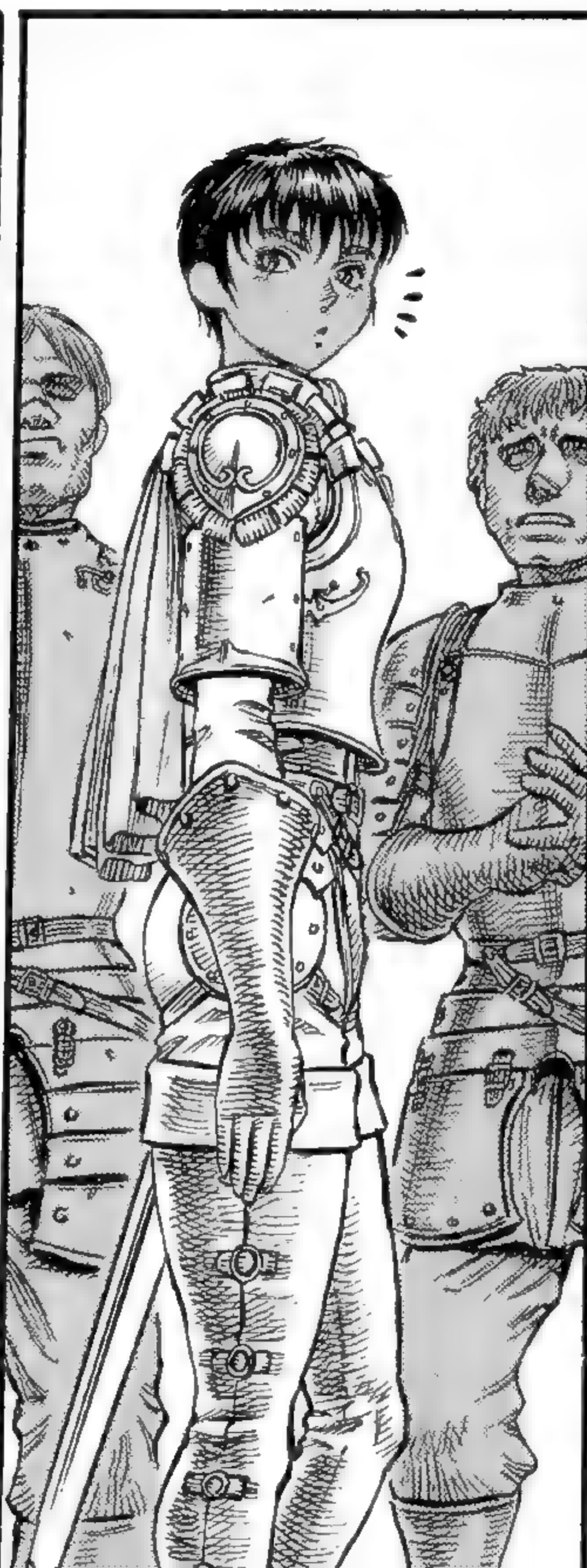
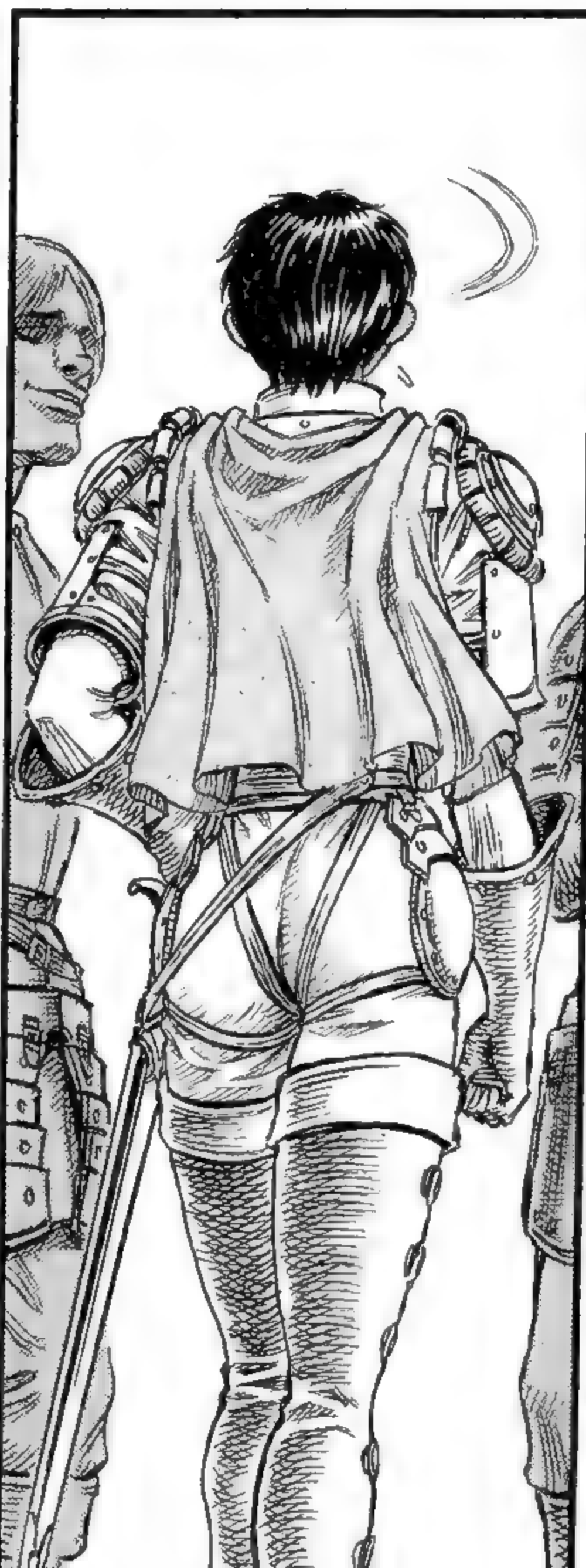
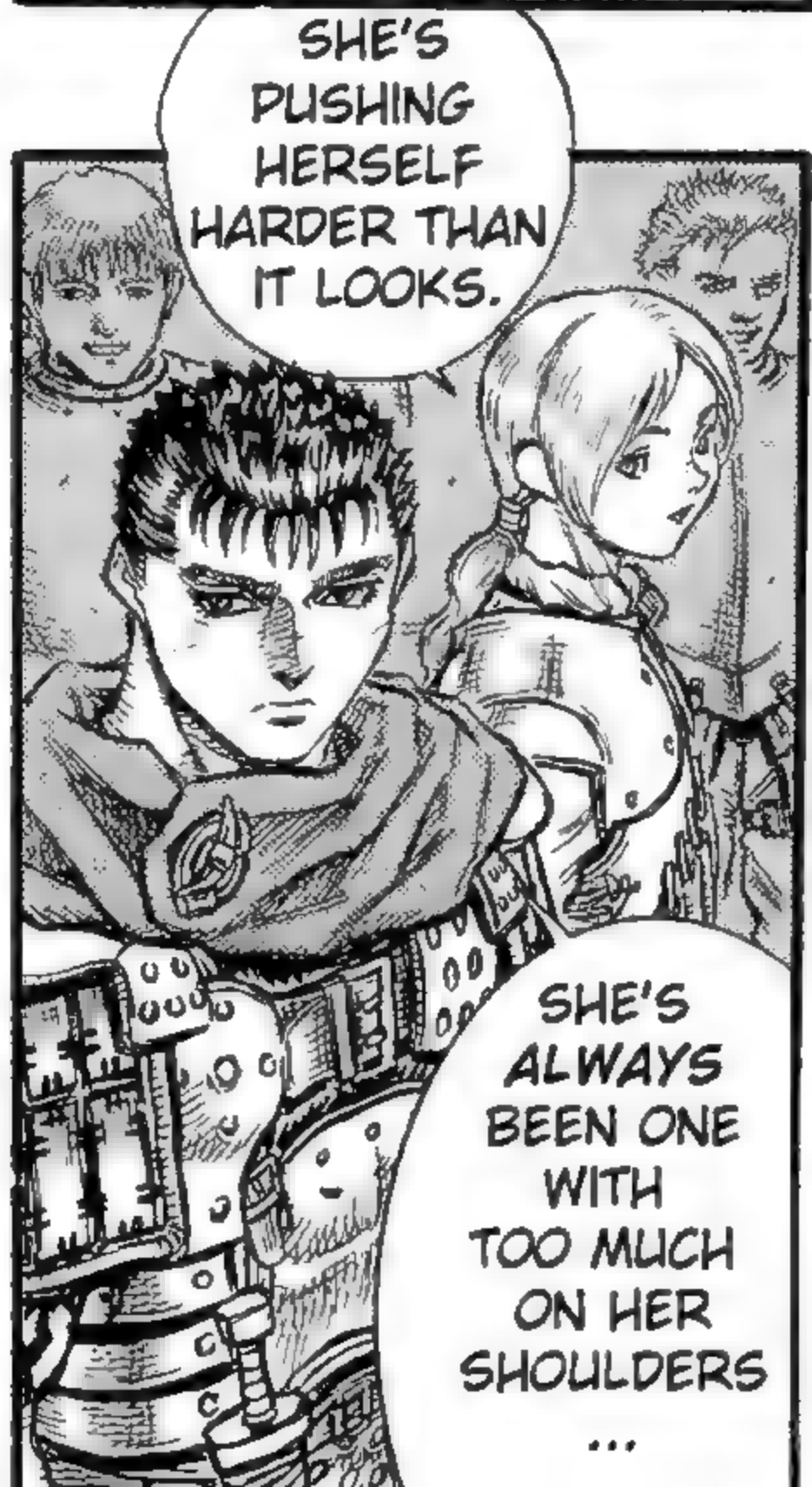
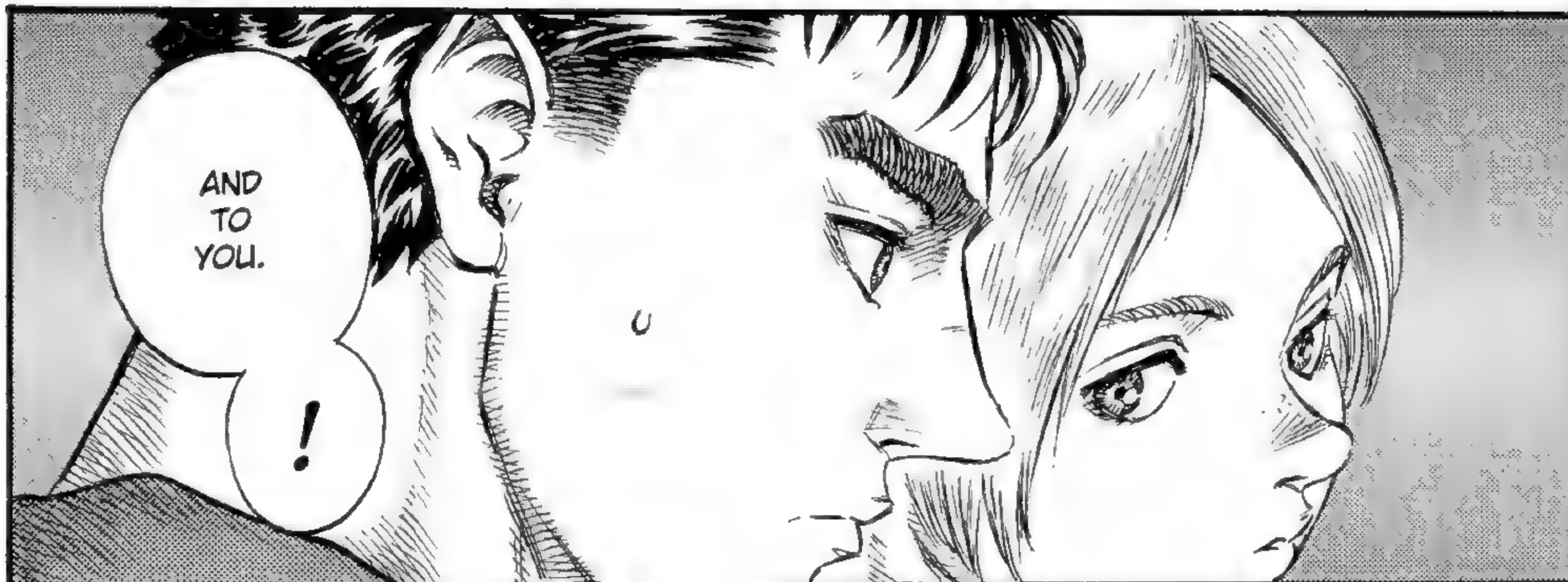


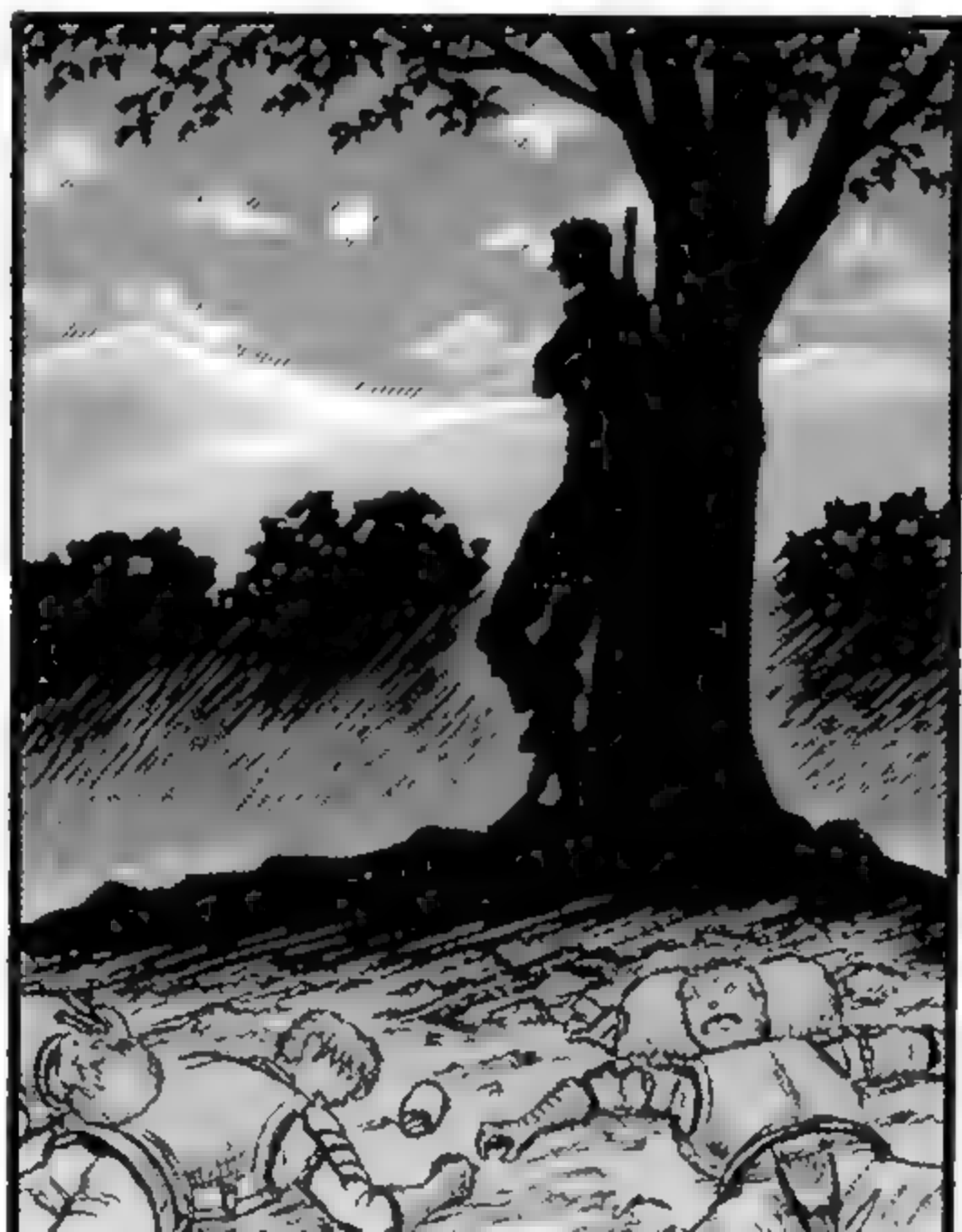
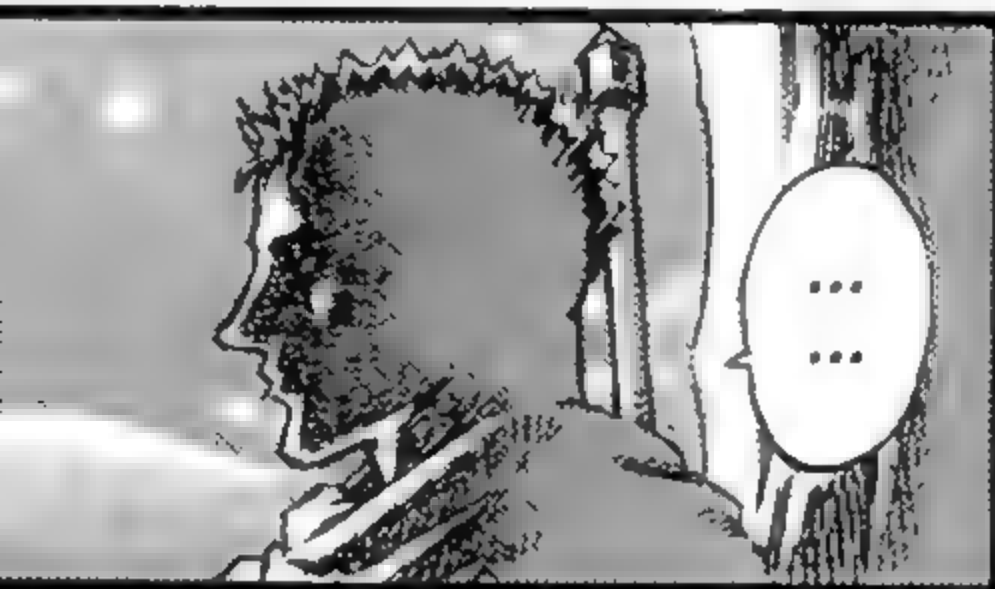
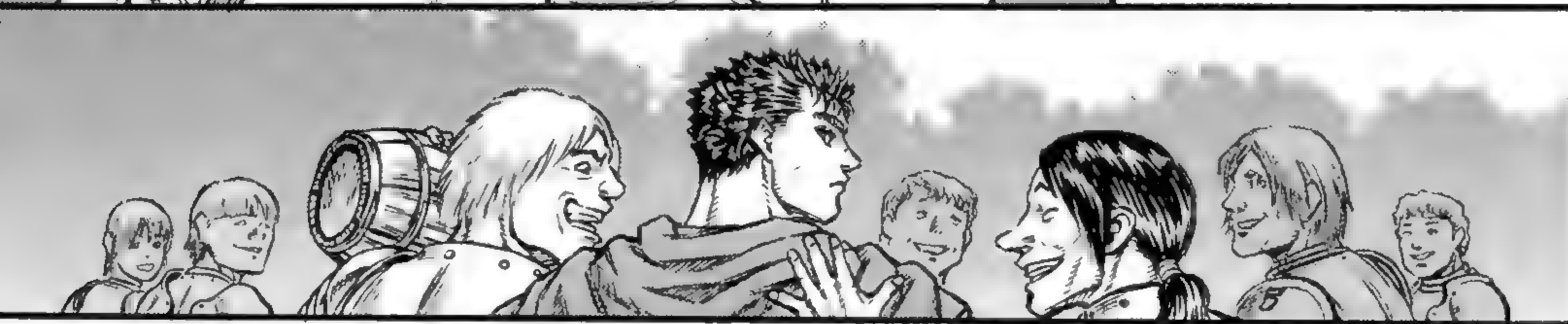
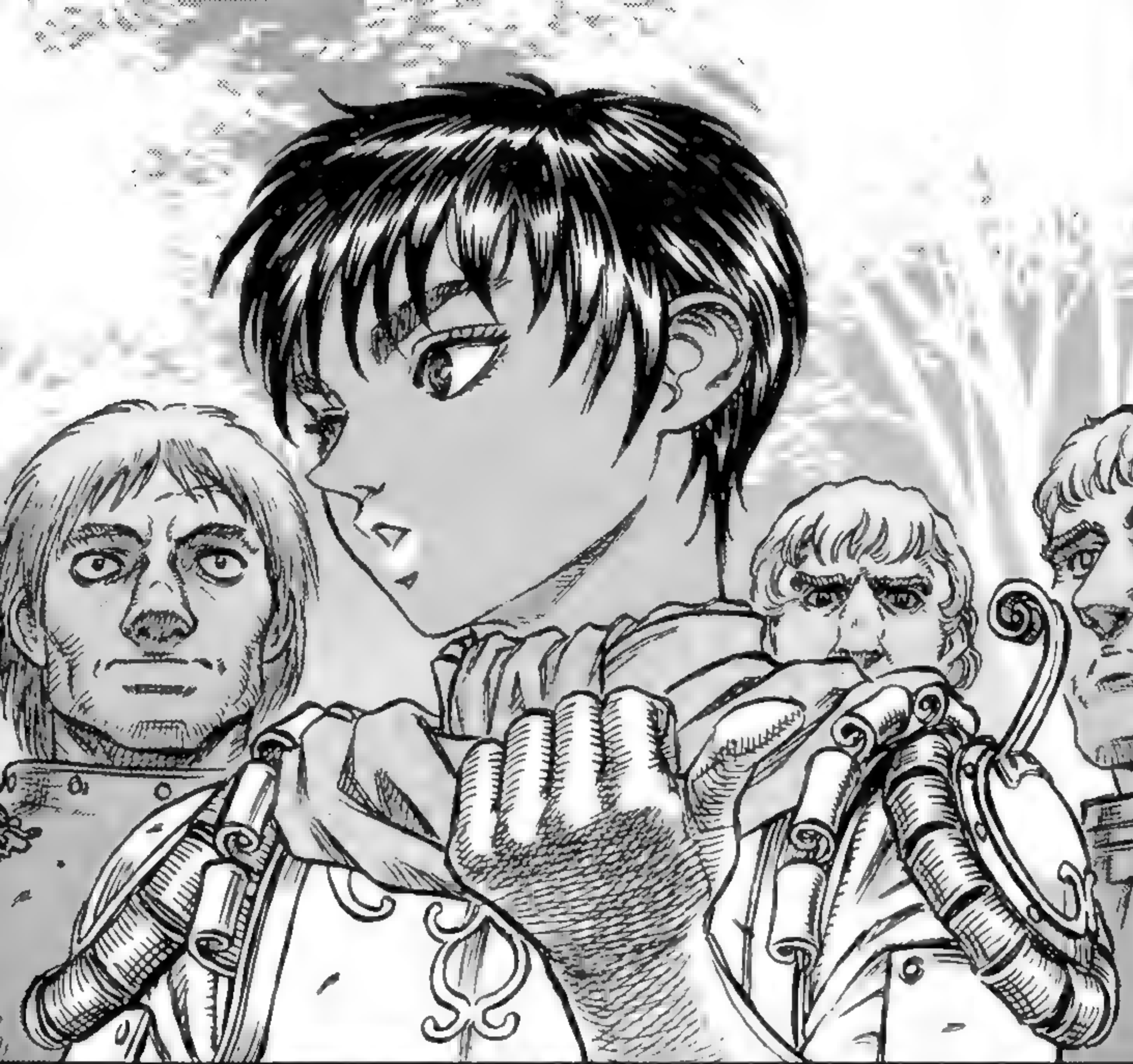
WHAT?

...TO
GRIFFITH.



DURING THAT TIME
SHE HAD NIGHTMARES
AND CALLED OUT
OVER AND OVER...







COMRADES IN ARMS: END



...ME
FOR
A
BIT.

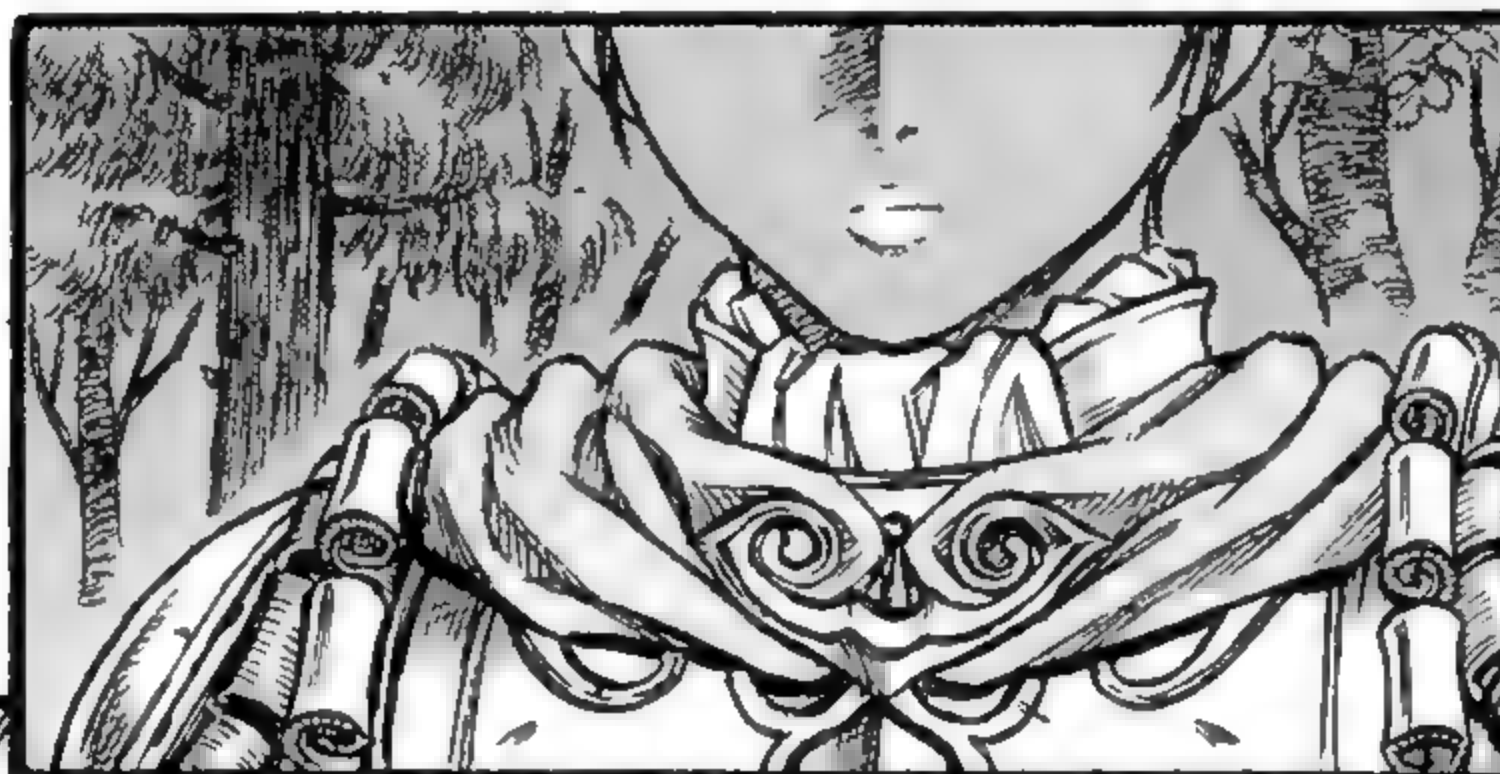
COME
WITH...

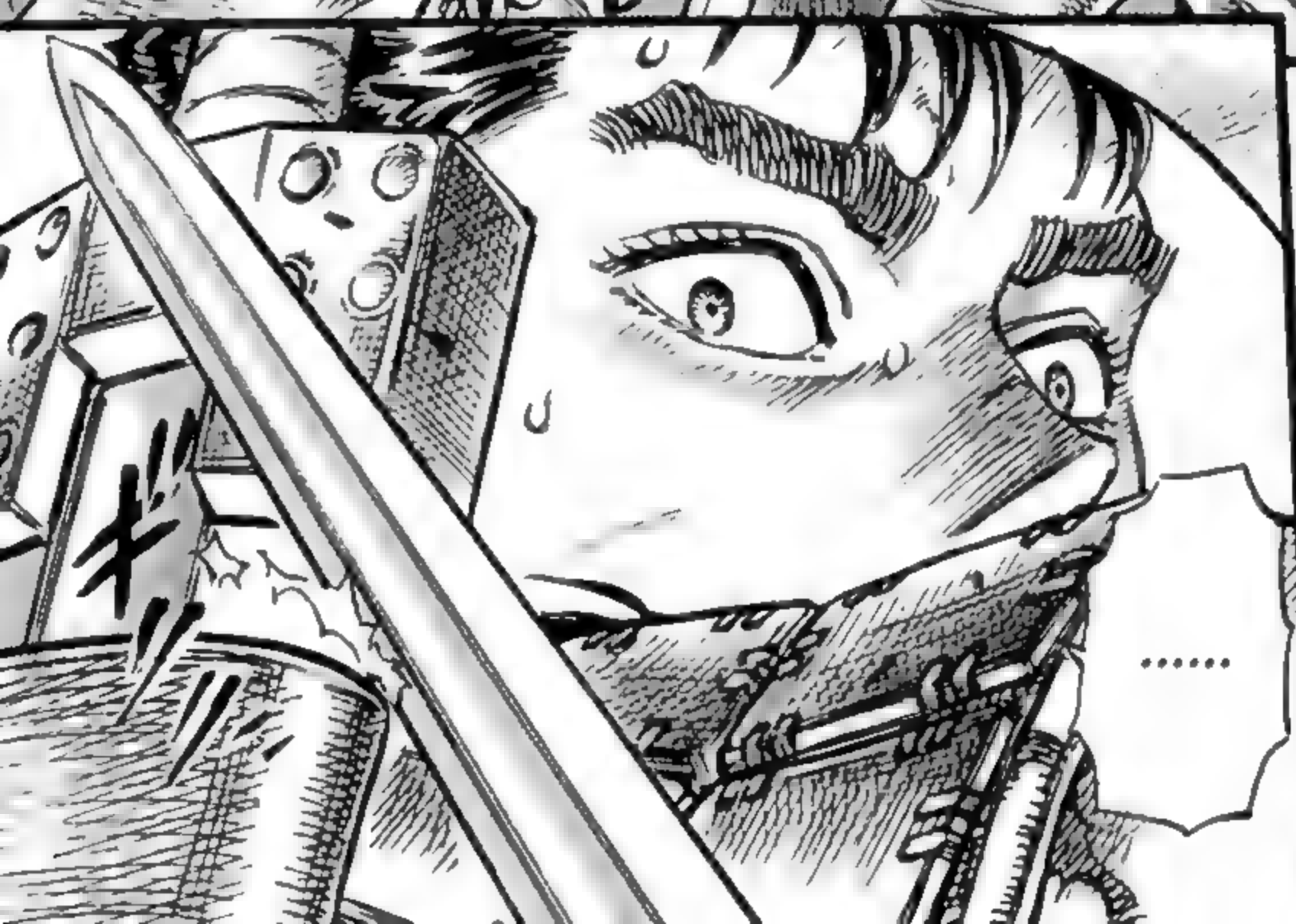
カエル

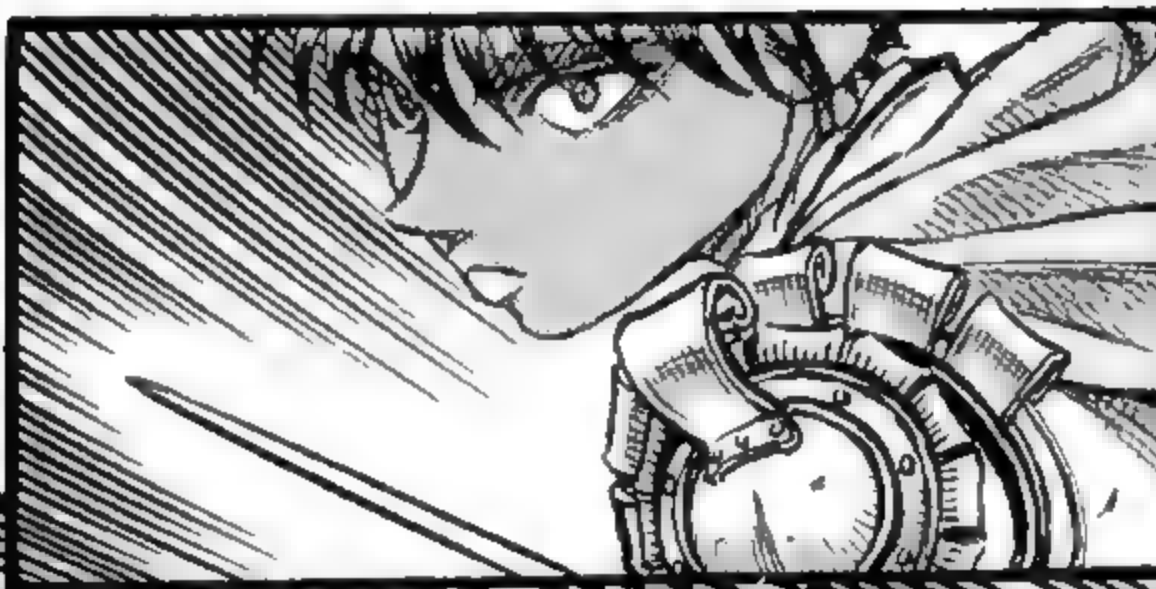


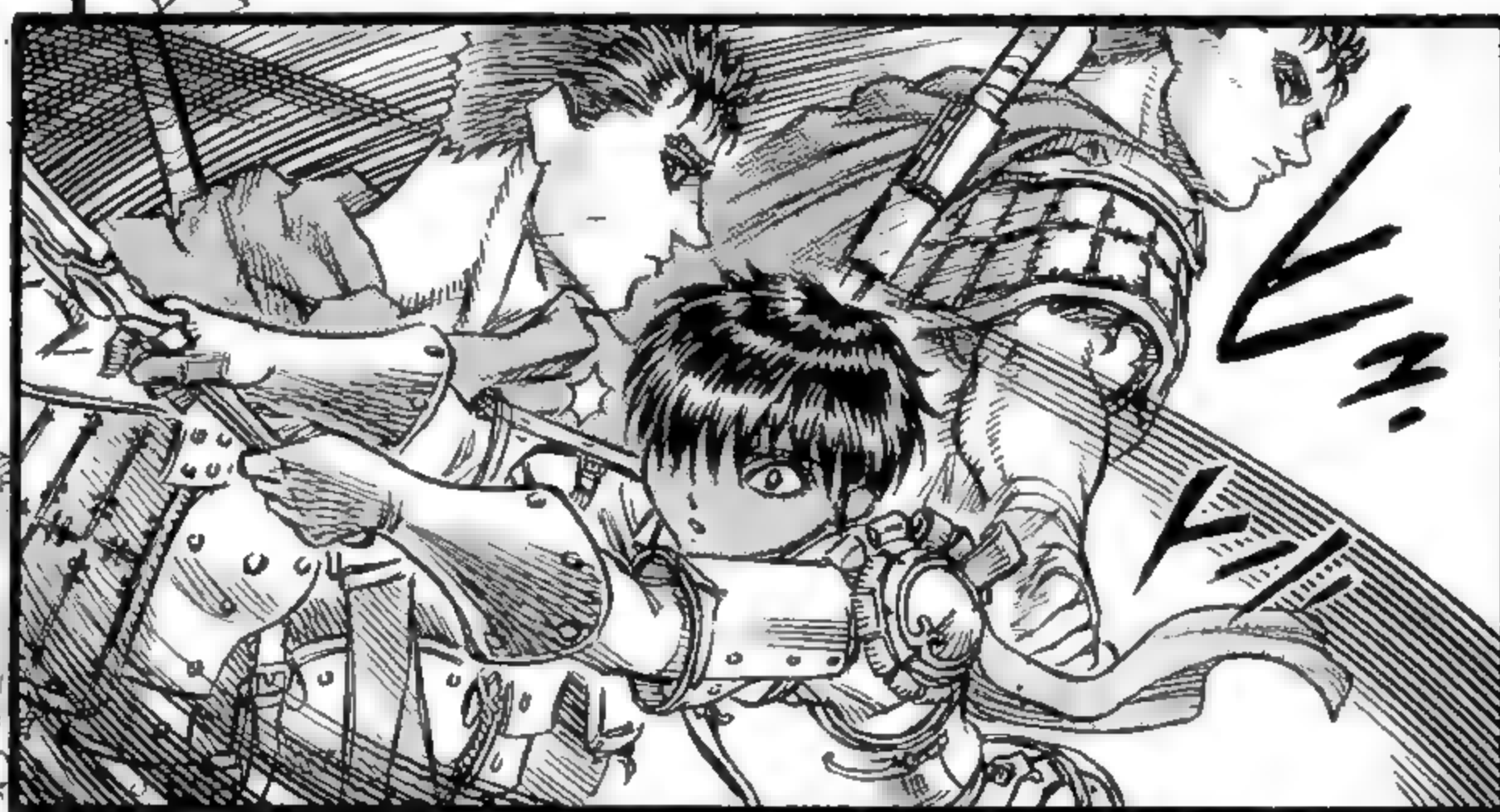
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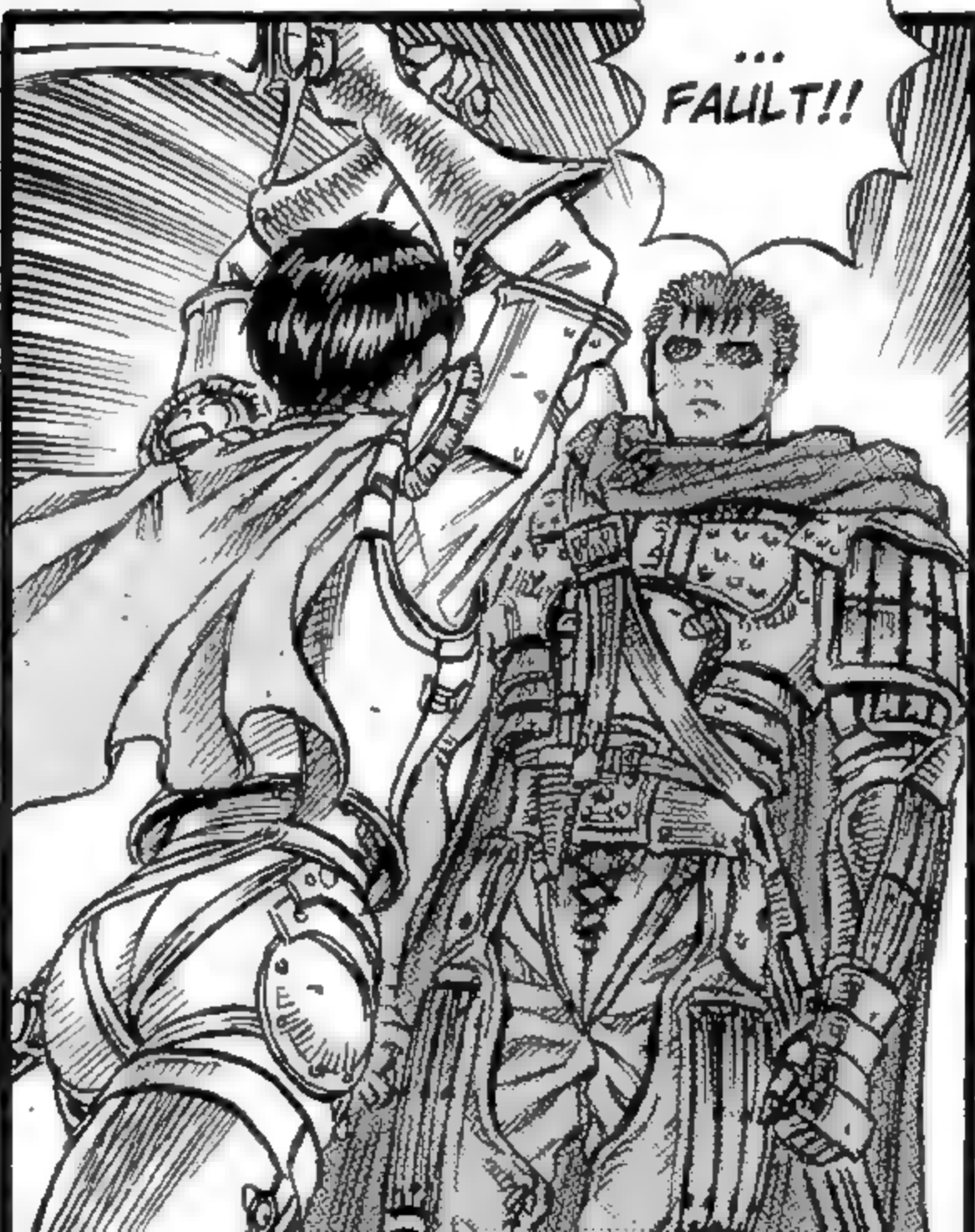
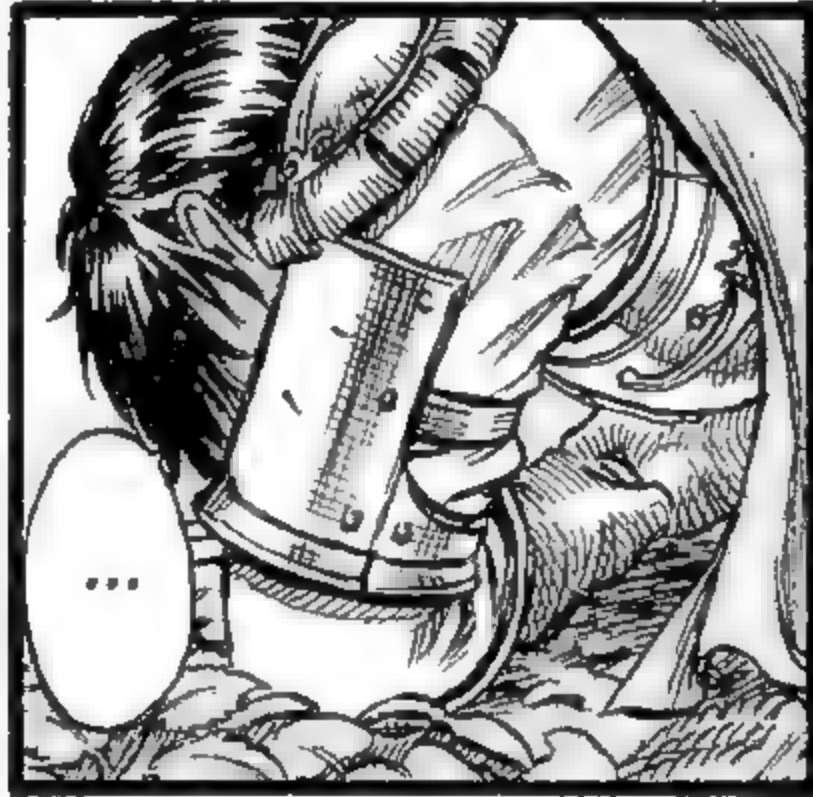
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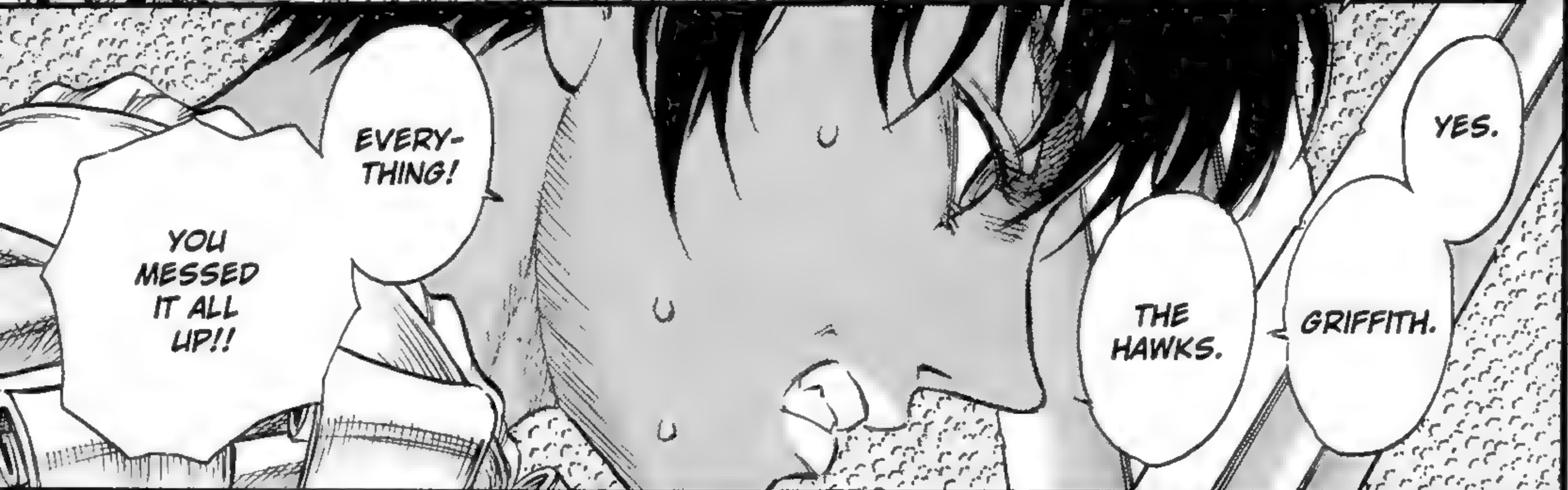
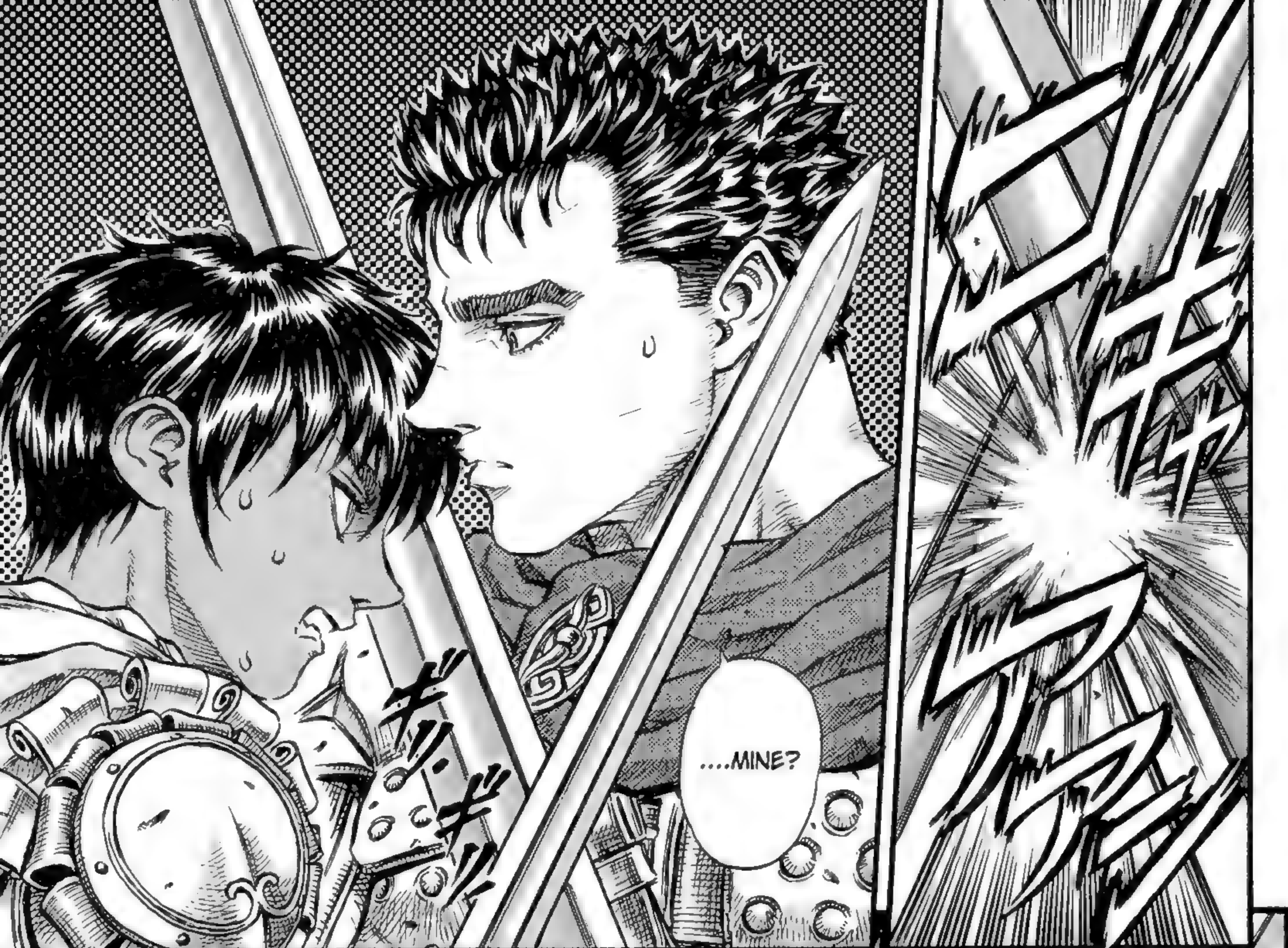










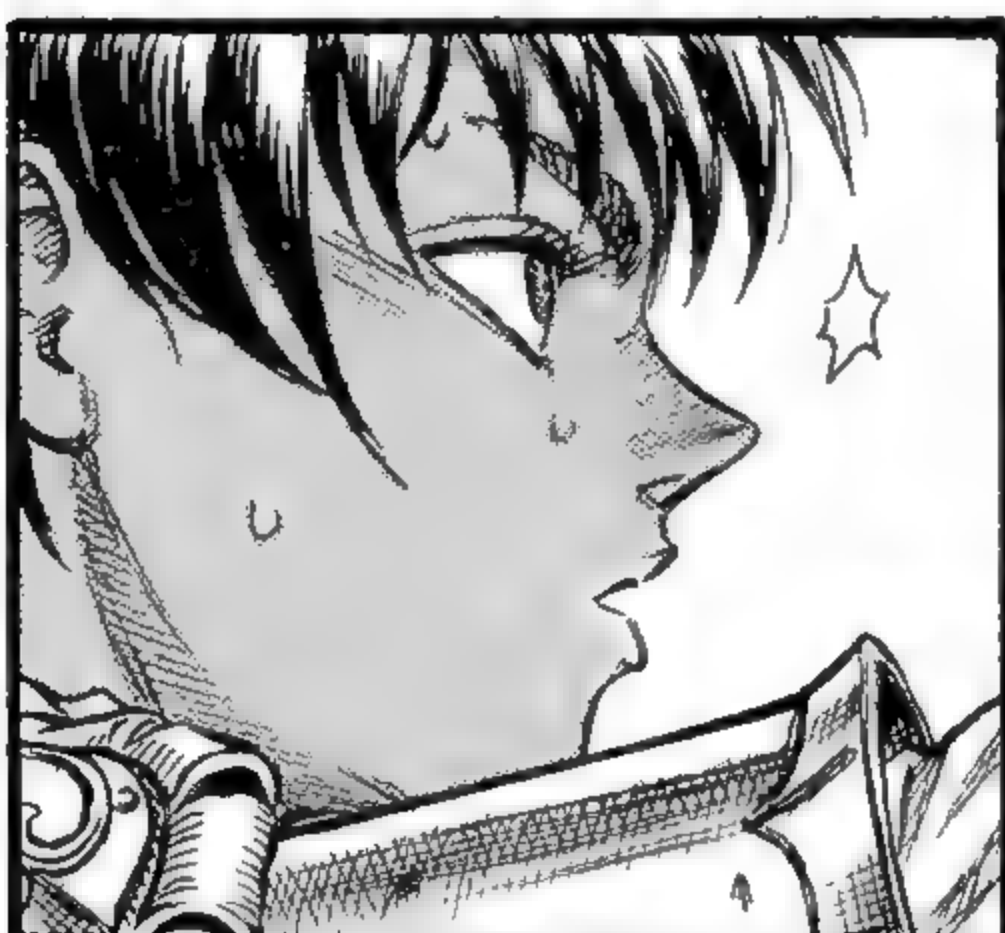




WAIT A
MINUTE!!



BECAUSE
YOU
LEFT
US!!



BECAUSE
YOU
ABANDONED
GRIFFITH...!!



GRIFFITH...
BECAUSE
I LEFT...

HE--

THIS IS
GRIFFITH...

THERE'S
NO WAY
THINGS COULD
GO WRONG
JUST FROM
THAT,
RIGHT...?



...FOOL.

YOU
REALLY
ARE A
COMPLETE
...



IT
COULDN'T
BE...



...BE
SERIOUS.

YOU
CAN'T...



I
THOUGHT
I TOLD
YOU!!

BACK
THEN!!



...THAT
MUCH
MORE
THAN
OTHER
PEOPLE
DO.

...IF IT'S
GRAND,
ENDURES...

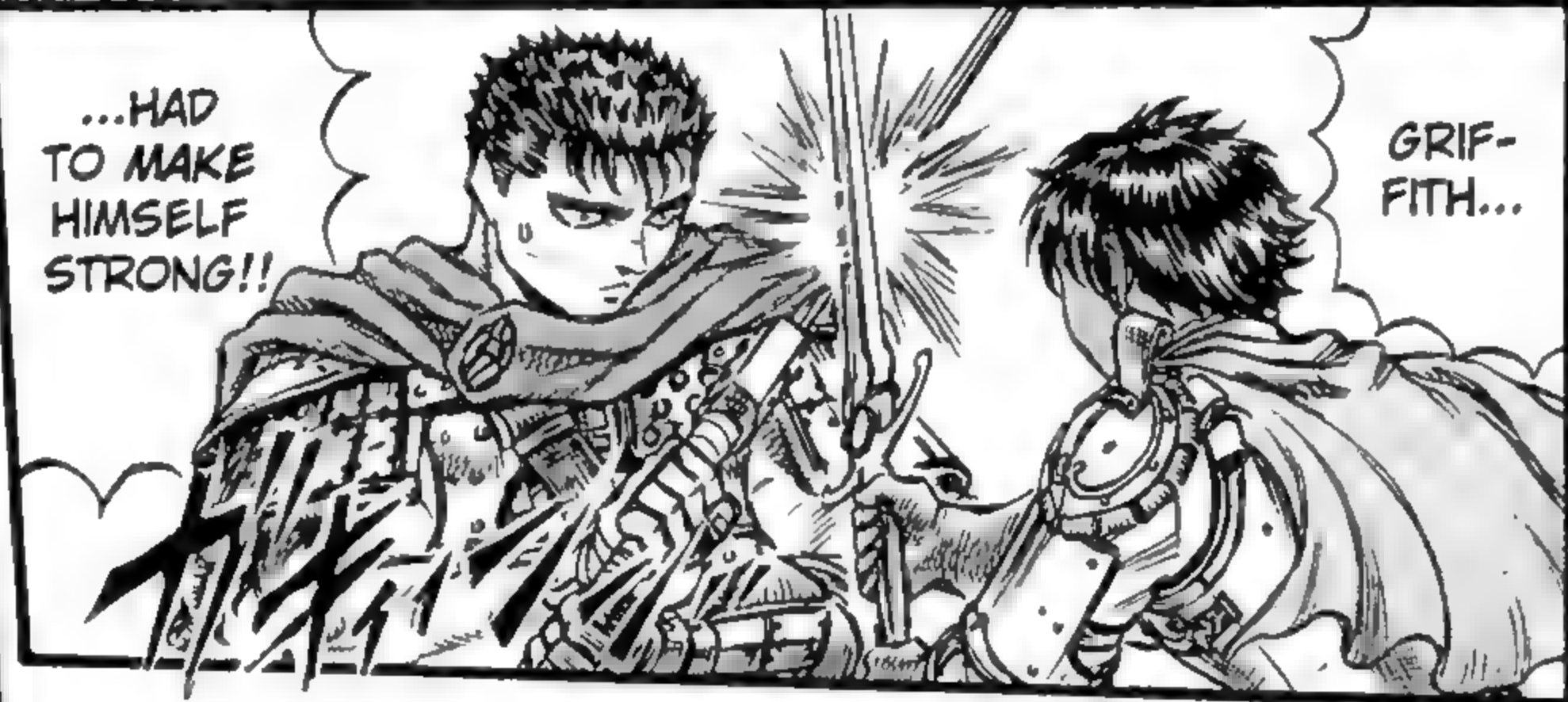
THAT
SOMEONE
WHO WANTS TO
ACCOMPLISH
SOMETHING...



YOU!!

YOU
MADE
GRIFFITH
WEAK!!

HE'S
NO...



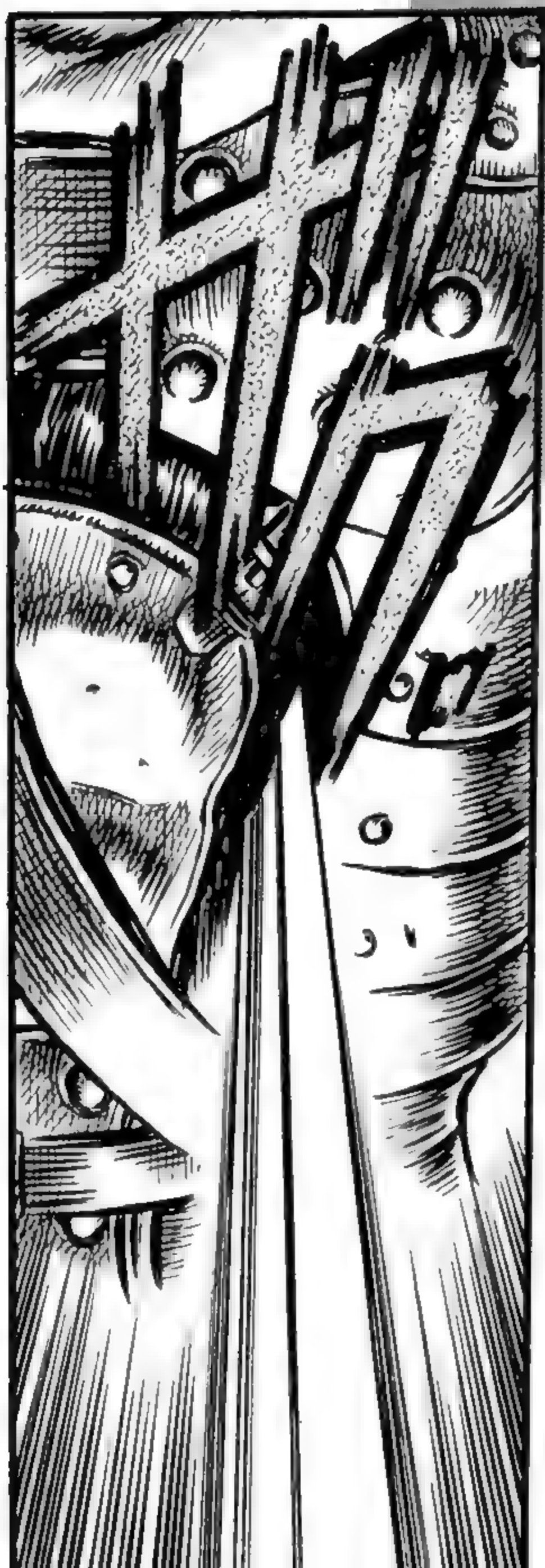
...HAD
TO MAKE
HIMSELF
STRONG!!

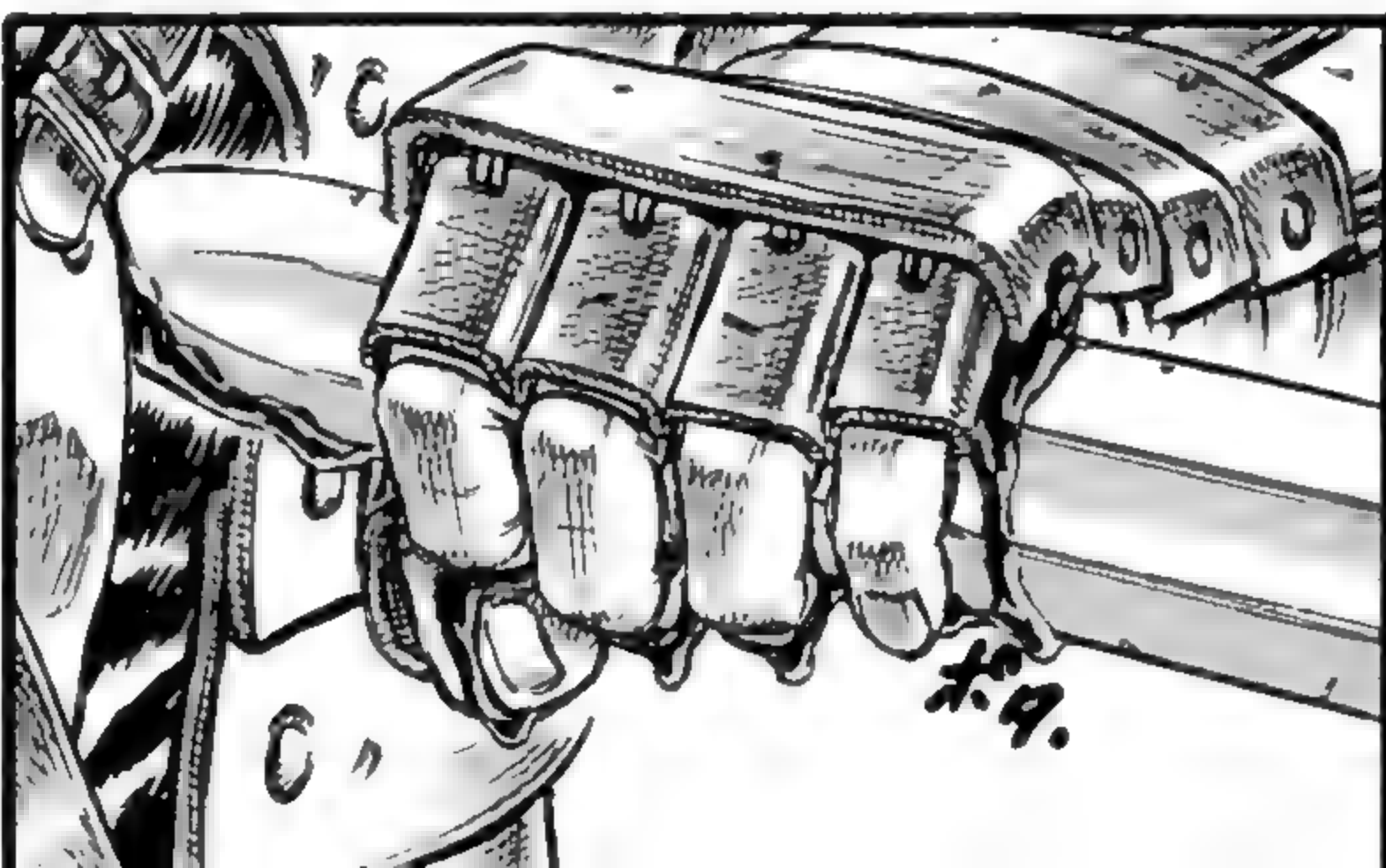
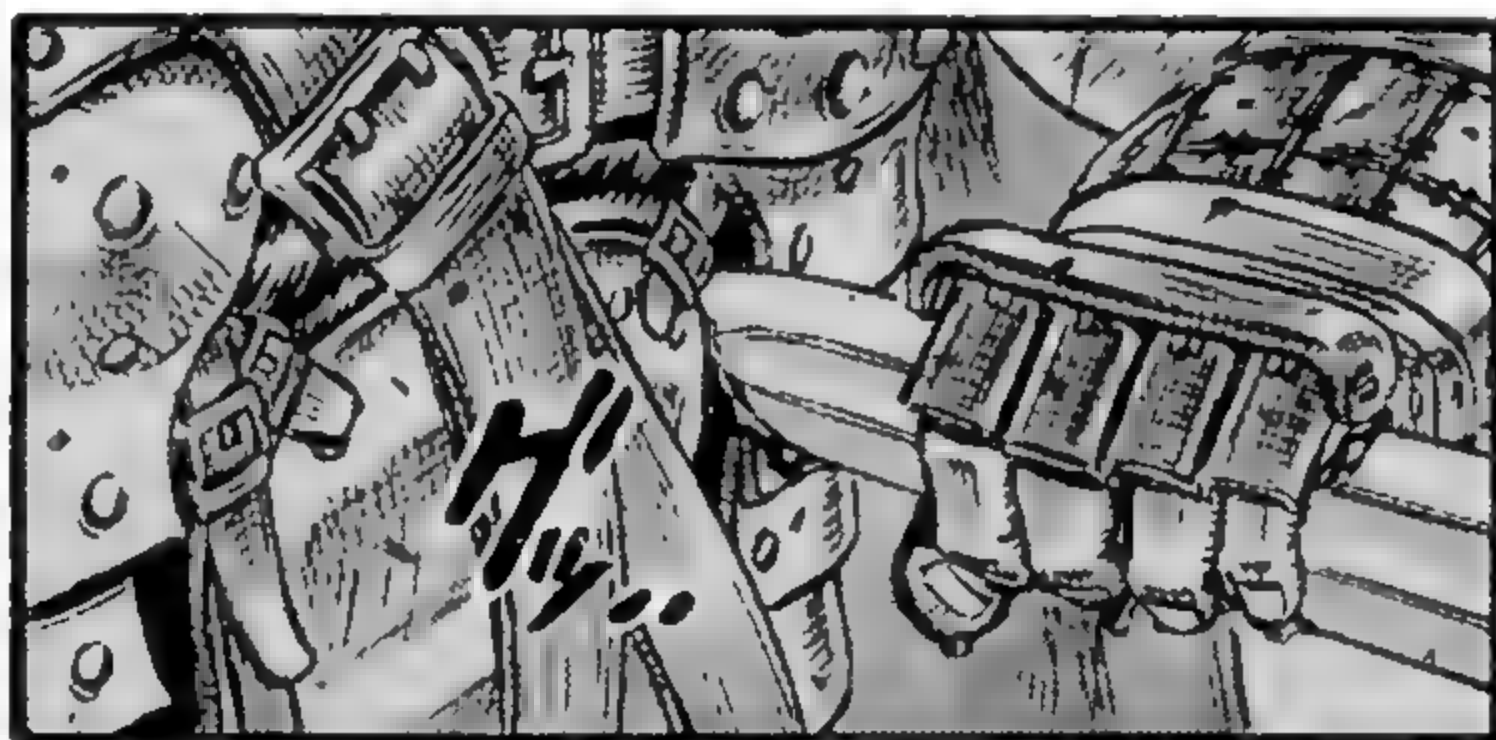
GRIFF-
FITH...



A PERSON'S
HEART CAN'T BE
SUSTAINED BY
IDEALS AND
DREAMS
ALONE!!

BUT
GRIFFITH
ISN'T A
GOD....!!







...GRIFFITH
WOULD
HAVE
DONE.

I ONLY
DID
WHAT...

IF WE
DON'T
STANCH THE
BLEEDING
...



...WHAT
ELSE
SHOULD
I HAVE
DONE?



THEN
...



LET
GO...!!

...
IDIOT.



...DID
MY OWN
THING.

I
JUST...



LET
GO,
YOU
FOOL
!!

AL-
RIGHT,
I GET
IT...!!

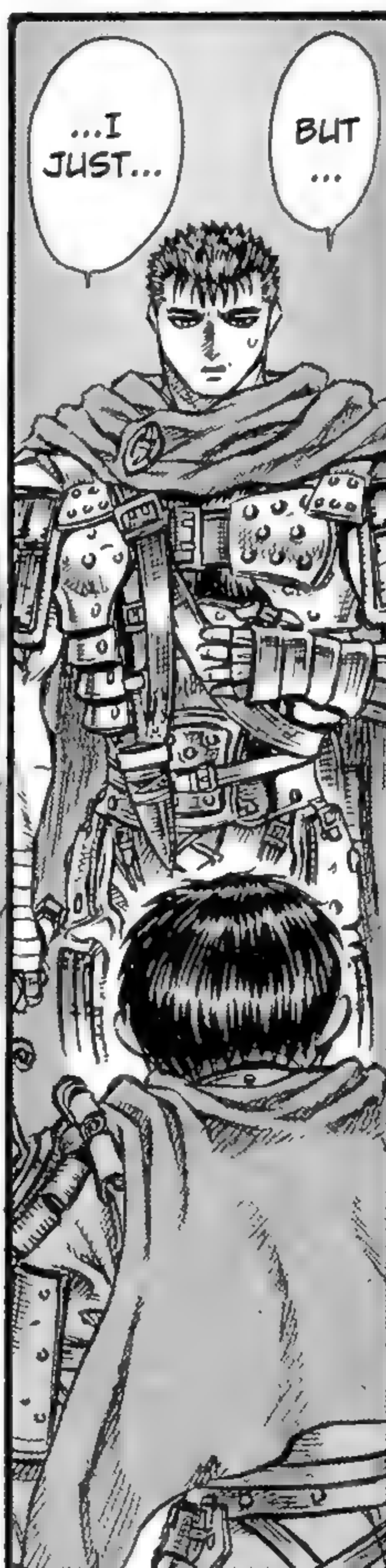
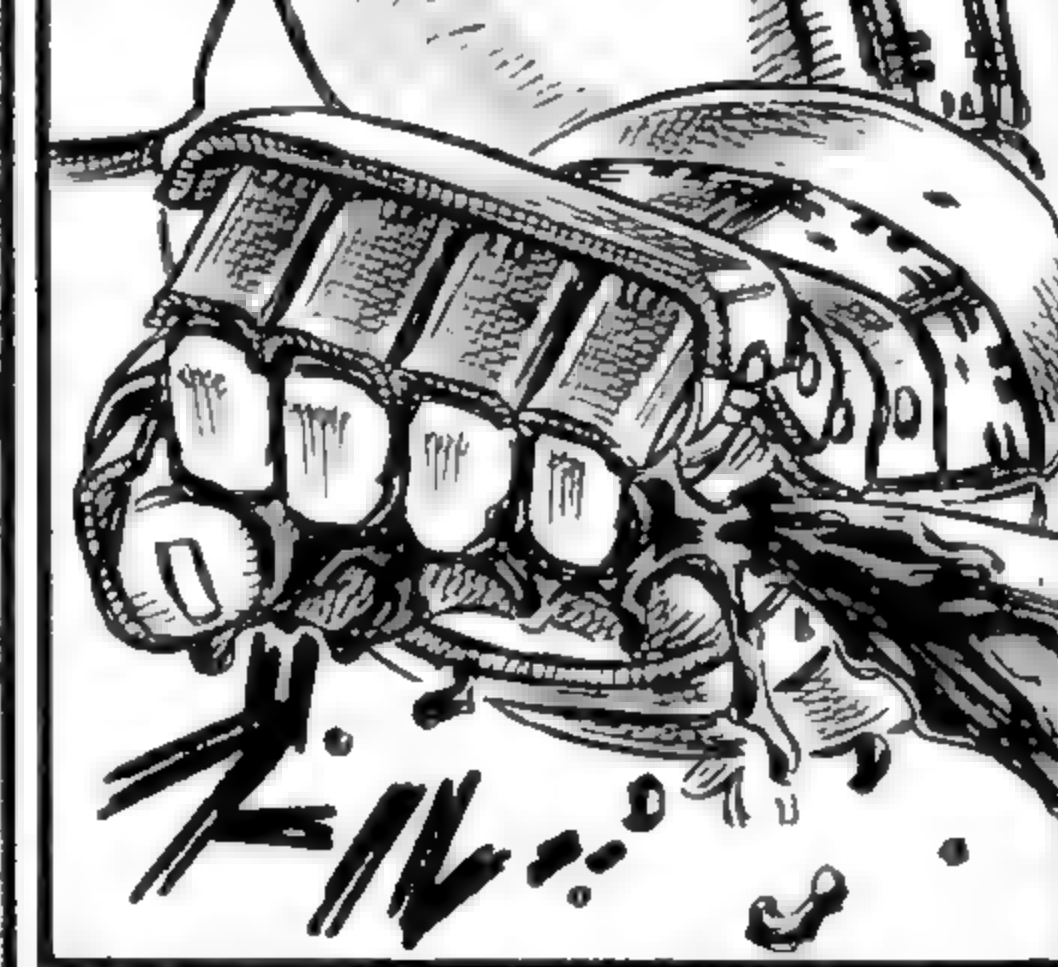


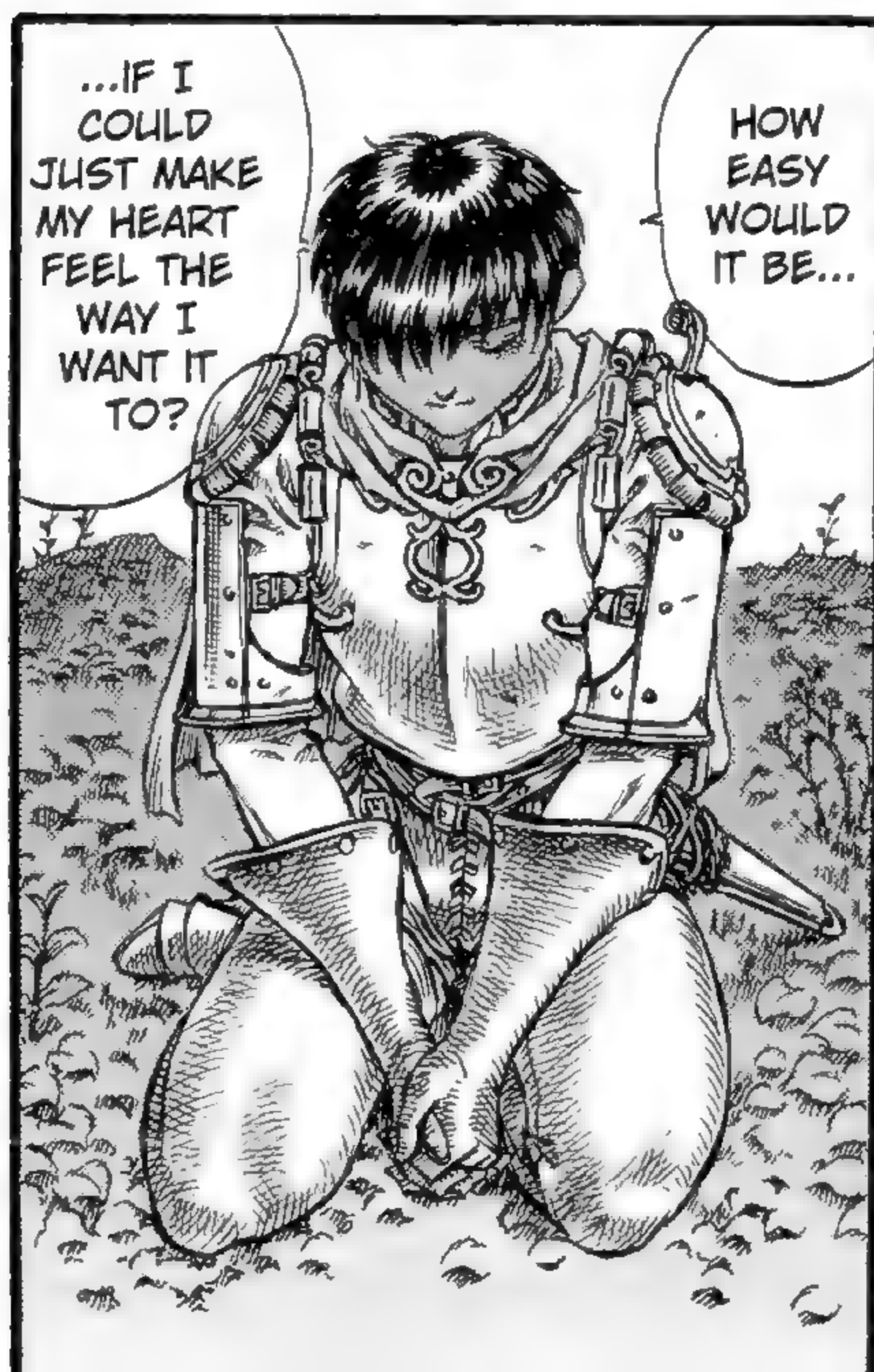
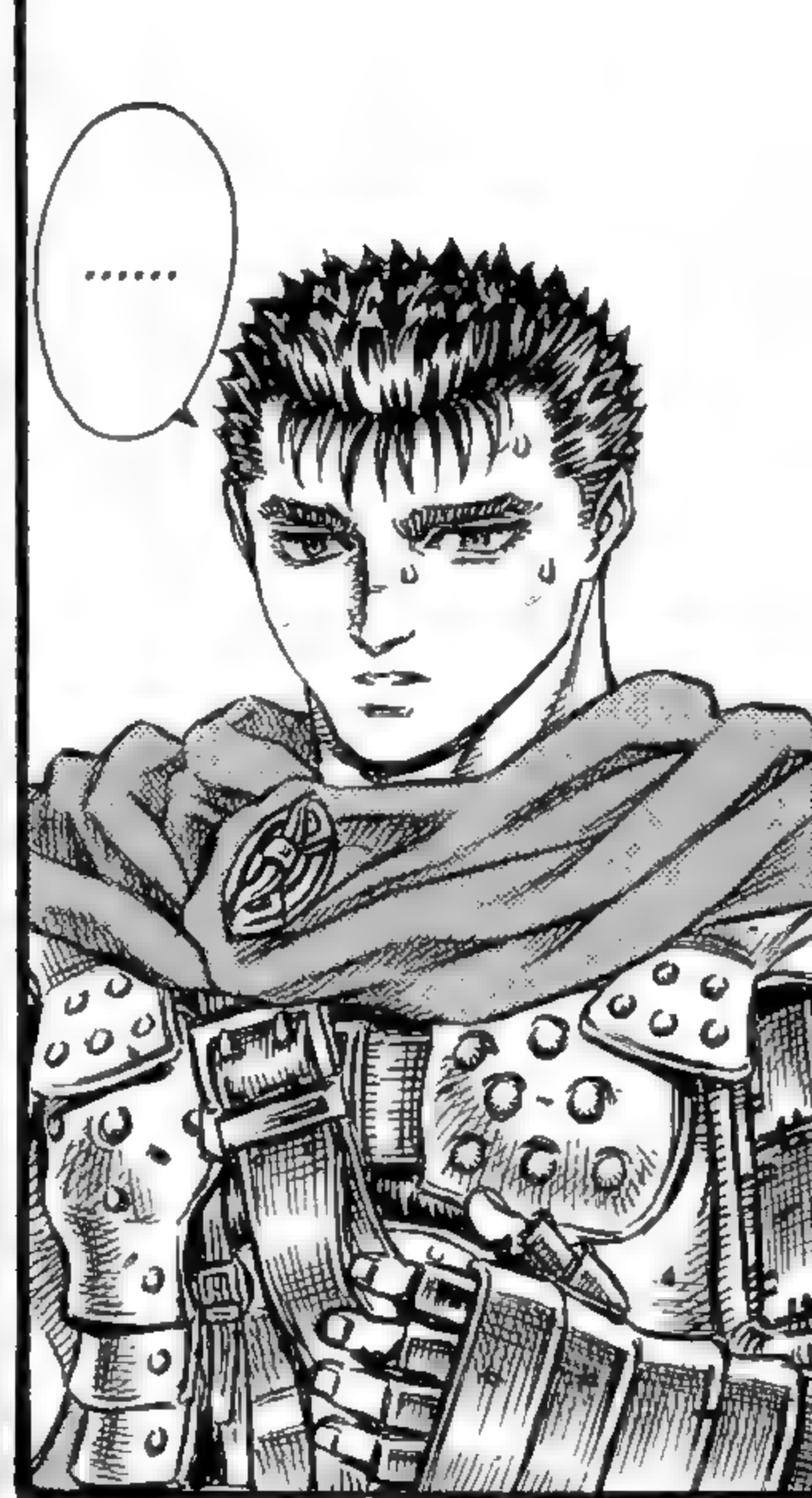
WHAT ELSE
SHOULD I
HAVE
DONE?

LET
GO...



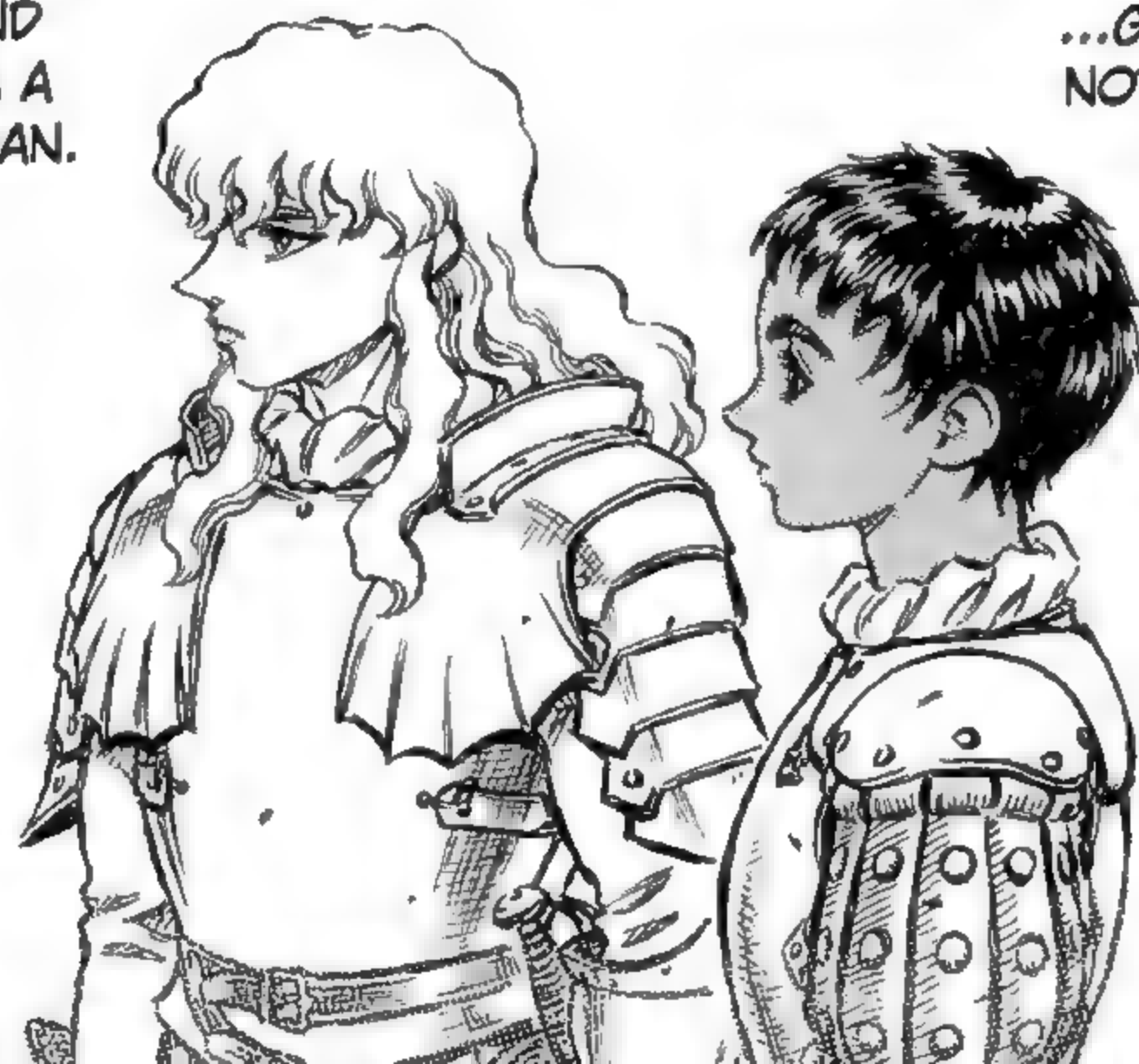
K!!





...AND I AM A WOMAN.

...GRIFFITH'S NOT A GOD...





...I FIGURED HE'D BE SURE TO TAKE IT SOME-DAY.

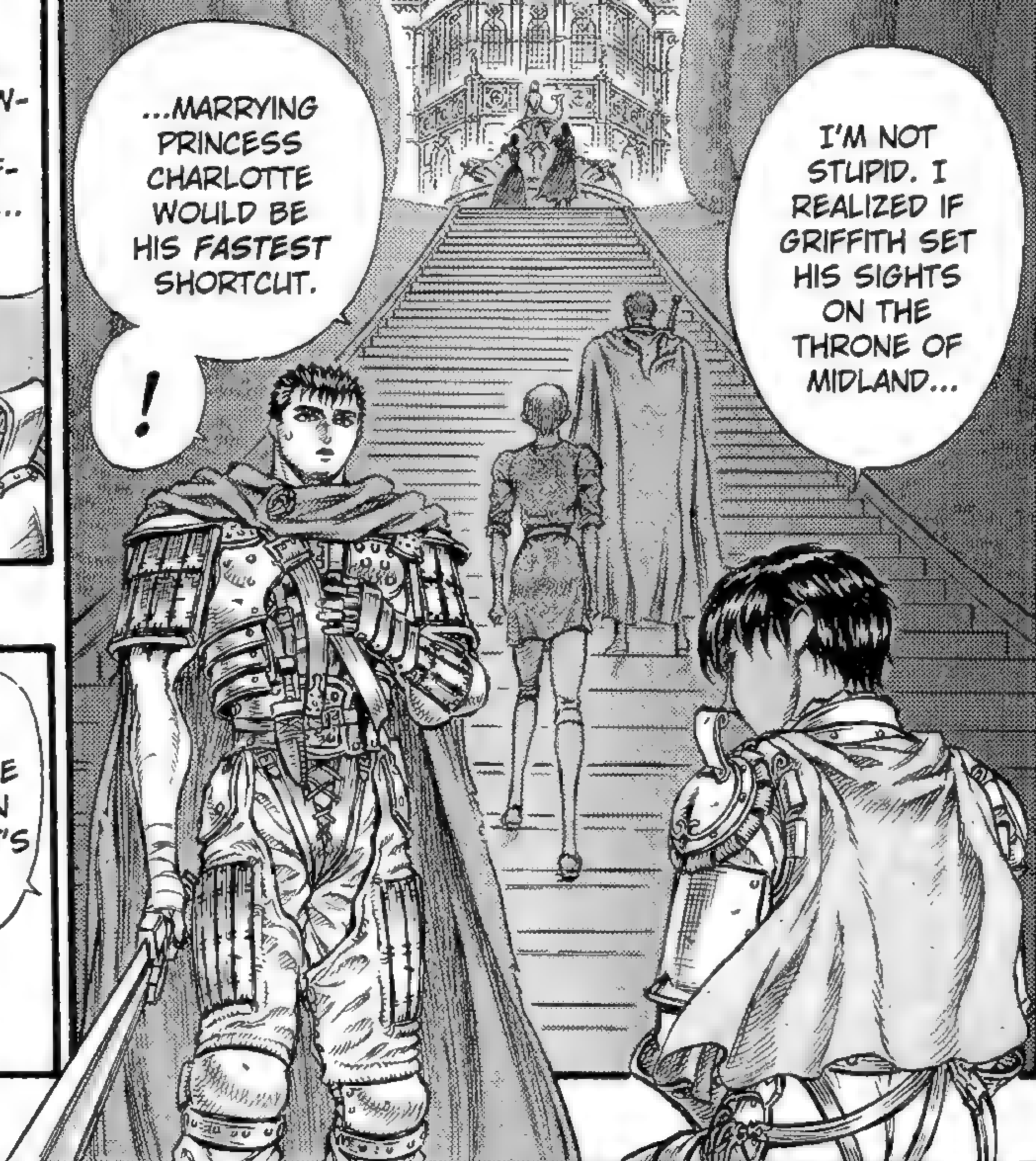
AND KNOW-ING GRIF-FITH...



...HAPPEN-ING NOW...

MAYBE EVEN WHAT'S ...

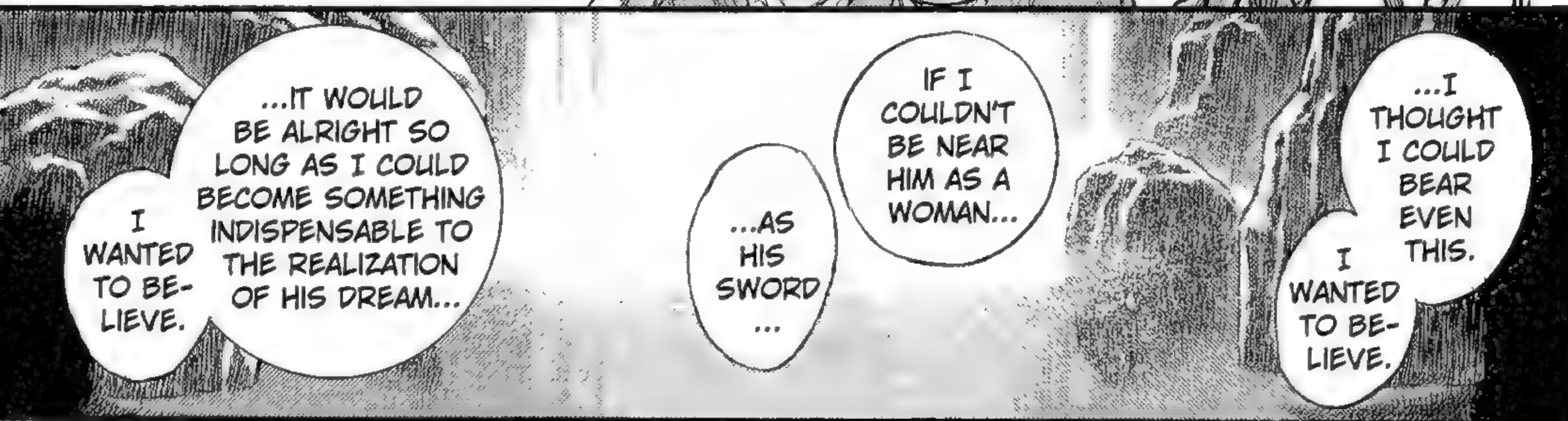
...



...MARRYING PRINCESS CHARLOTTE WOULD BE HIS FASTEST SHORTCUT.

!

I'M NOT STUPID. I REALIZED IF GRIFFITH SET HIS SIGHTS ON THE THRONE OF MIDLAND...



I WANTED TO BE-LIEVE.

...IT WOULD BE ALRIGHT SO LONG AS I COULD BECOME SOMETHING INDISPENSABLE TO THE REALIZATION OF HIS DREAM...

...AS HIS SWORD ...

IF I COULDN'T BE NEAR HIM AS A WOMAN...

I WANTED TO BE-LIEVE.

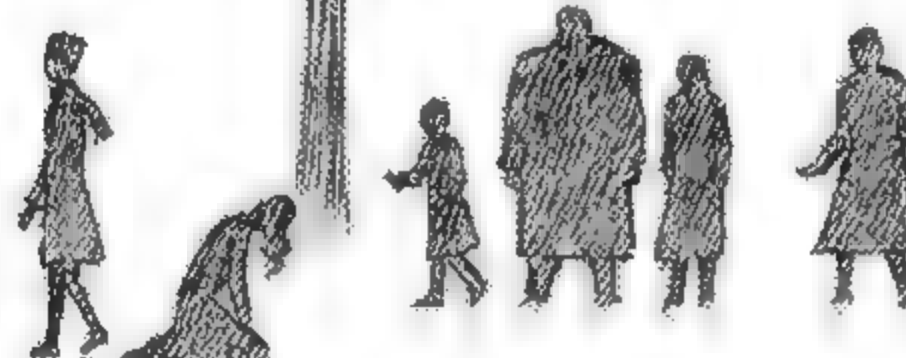
...I THOUGHT I COULD BEAR EVEN THIS.

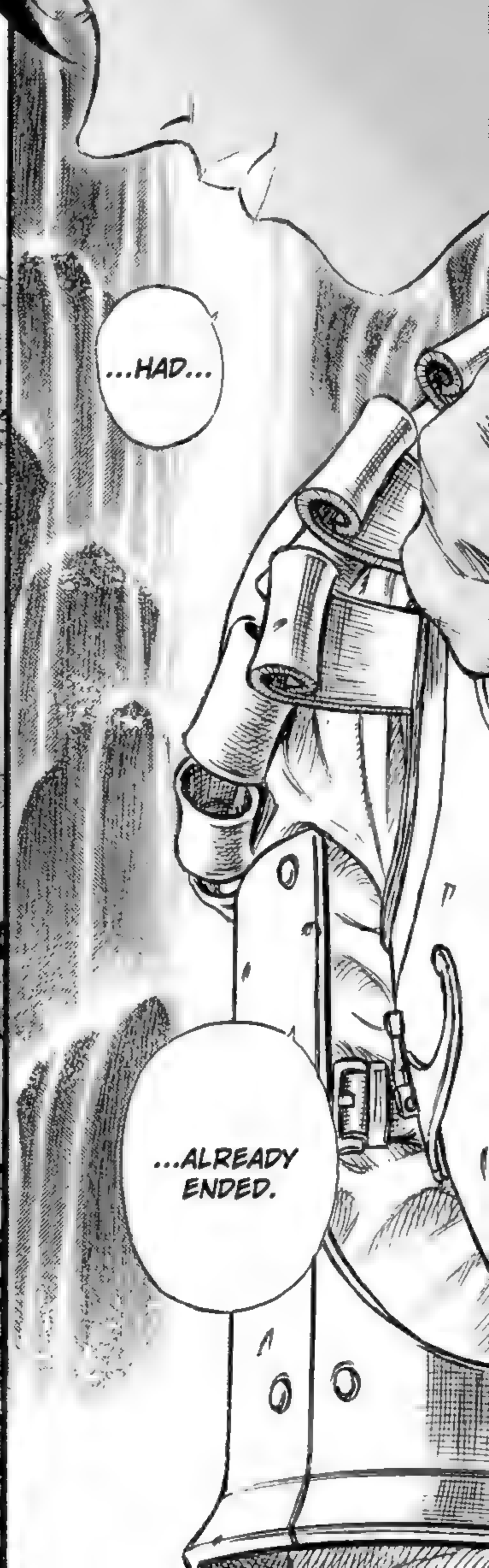
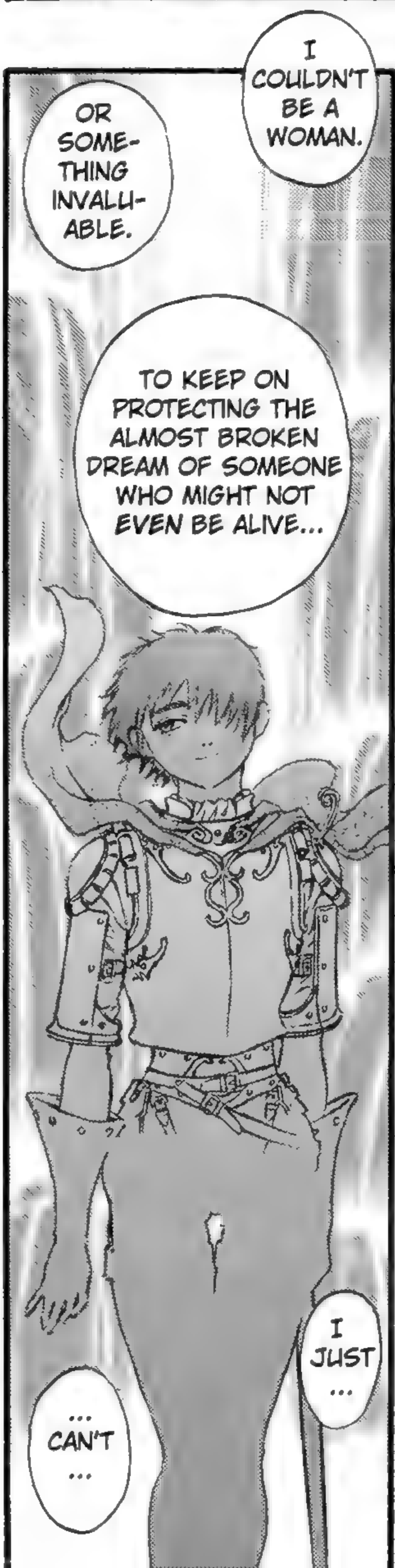
BUT...

...I FINALLY UNDERSTOOD CLEARLY THAT DAY A YEAR AGO...

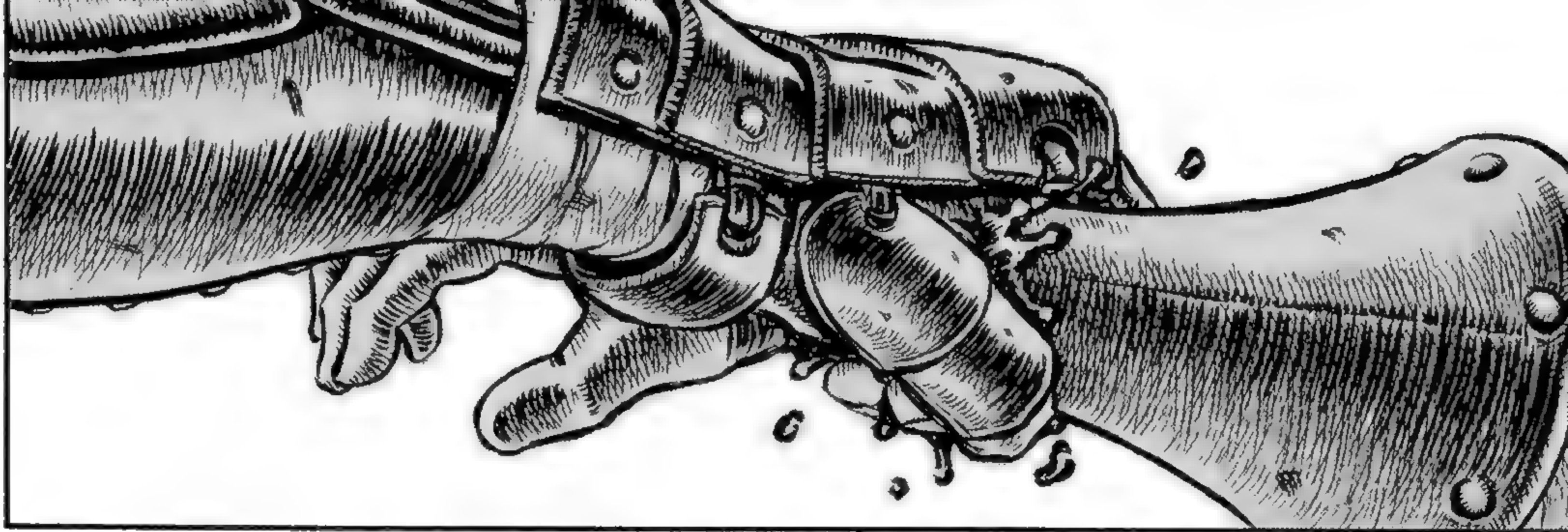
...THAT THERE WAS NO LONGER ROOM NEXT TO GRIFFITH...

...THE WAY THERE USED TO BE.



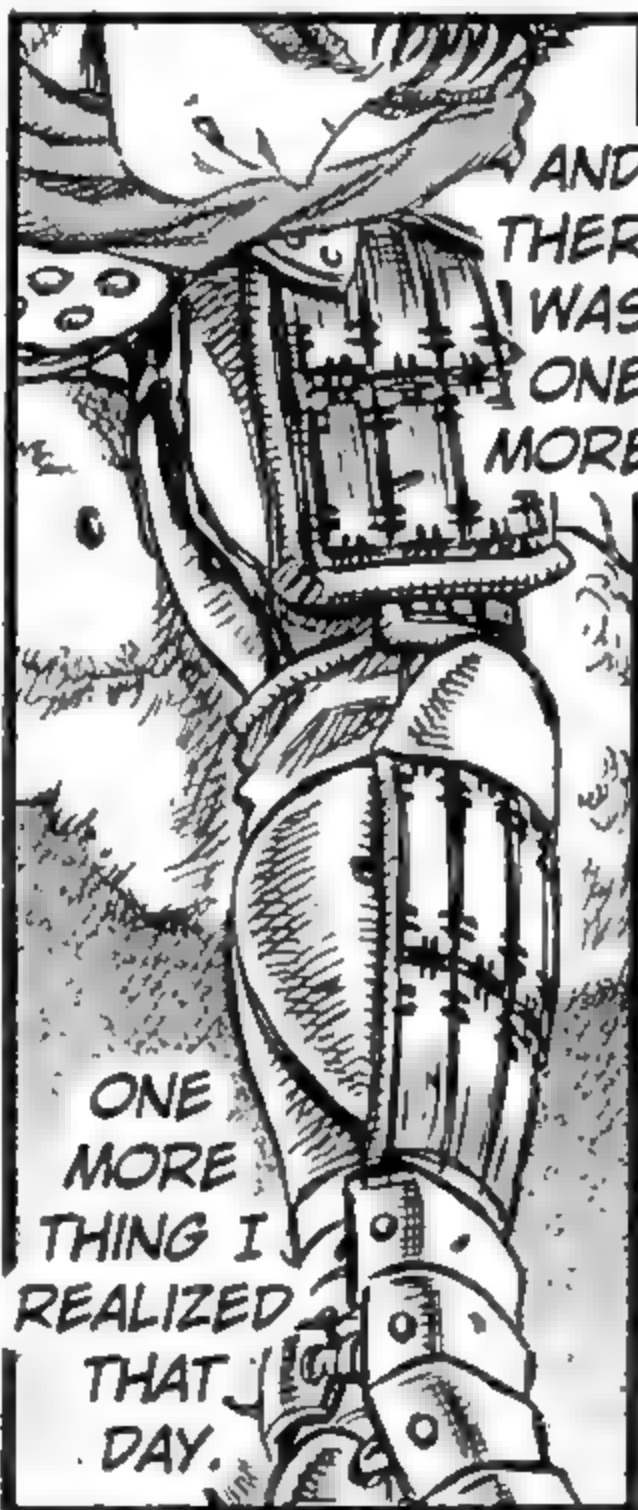






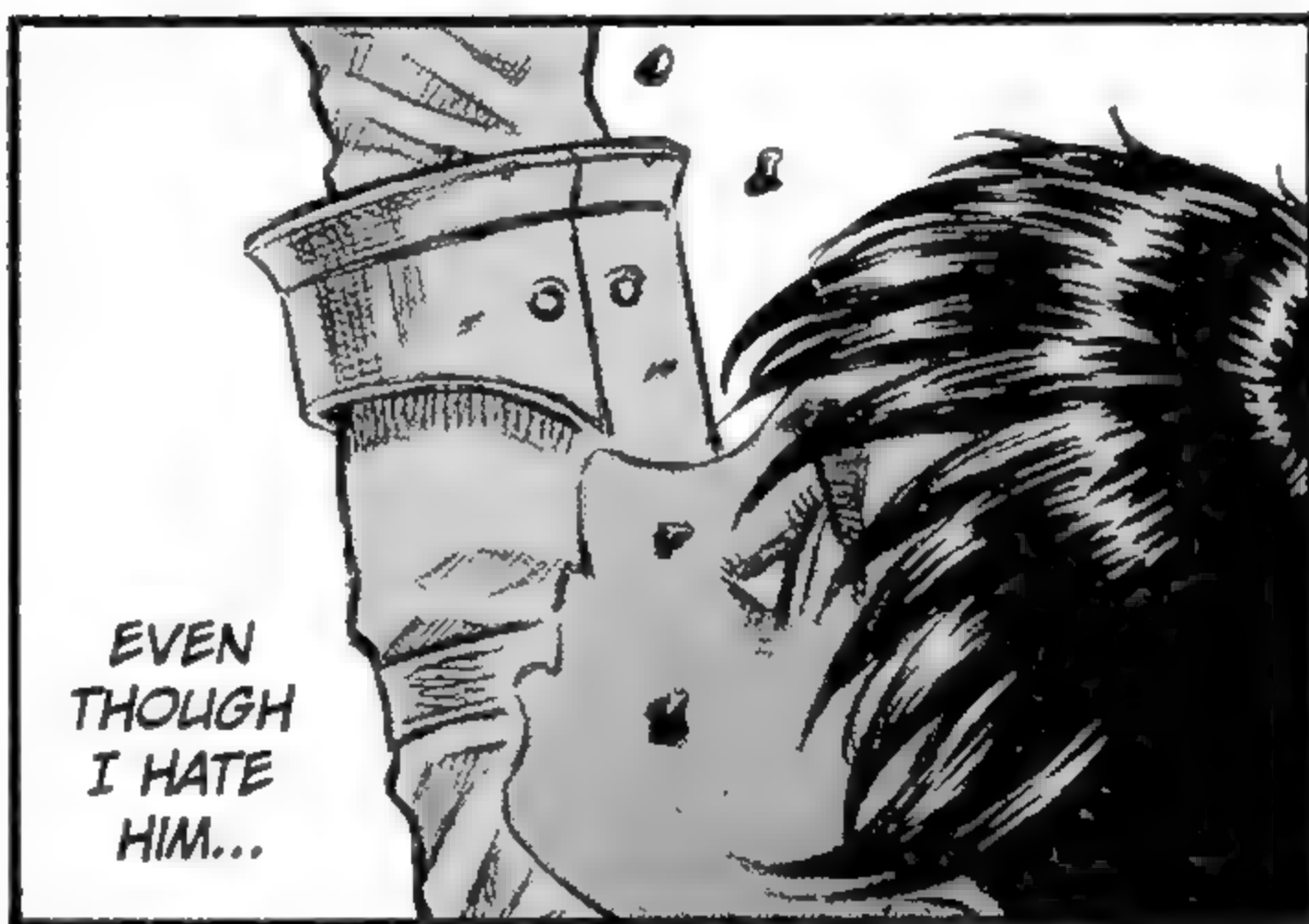
THOUGH
HE
TOOK
IT ALL
FROM
ME...

THOUGH
HE DES-
TROYED
EVERY-
THING...



ONE
MORE
THING I
REALIZED
THAT
DAY.

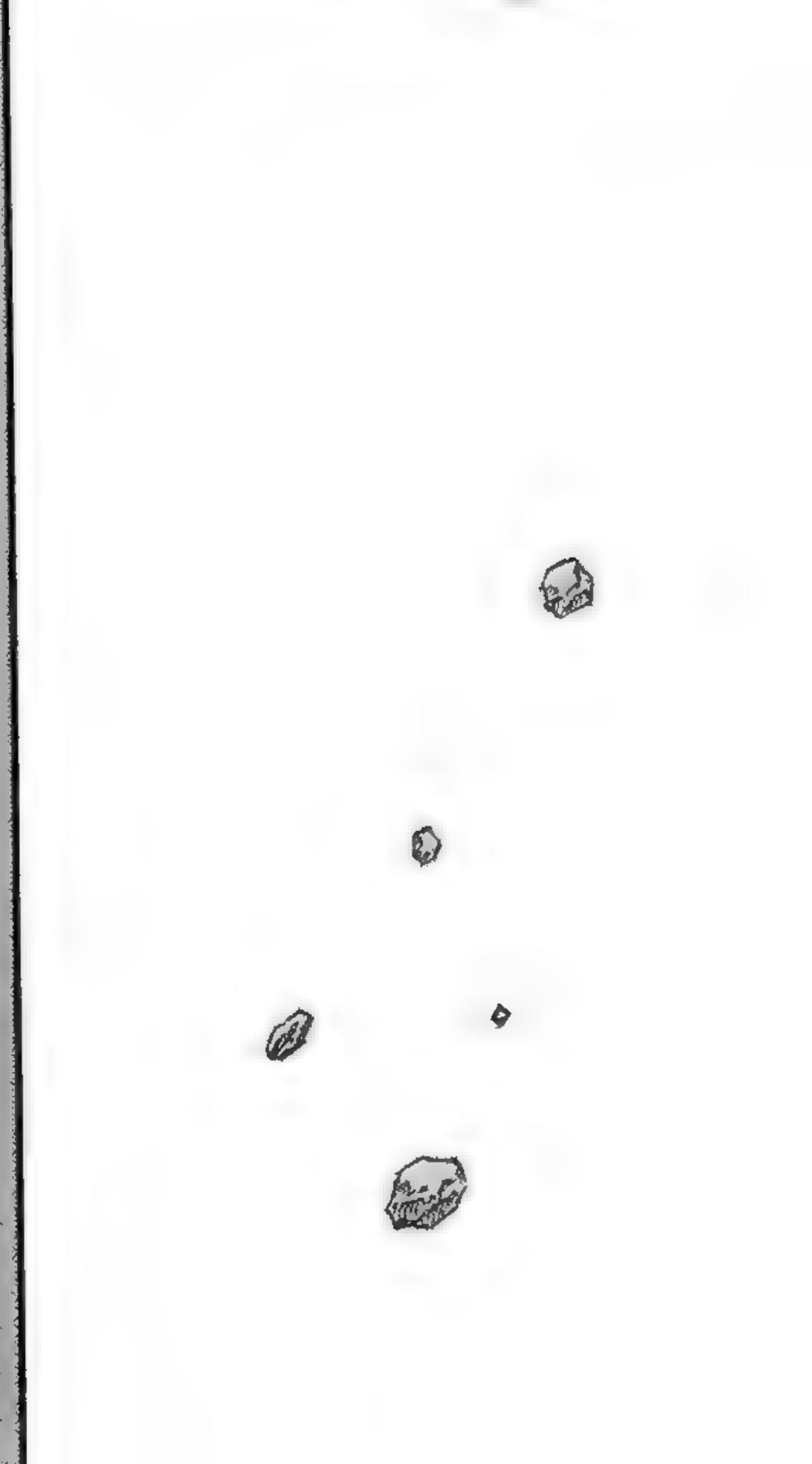
AND
THERE
WAS
ONE
MORE...

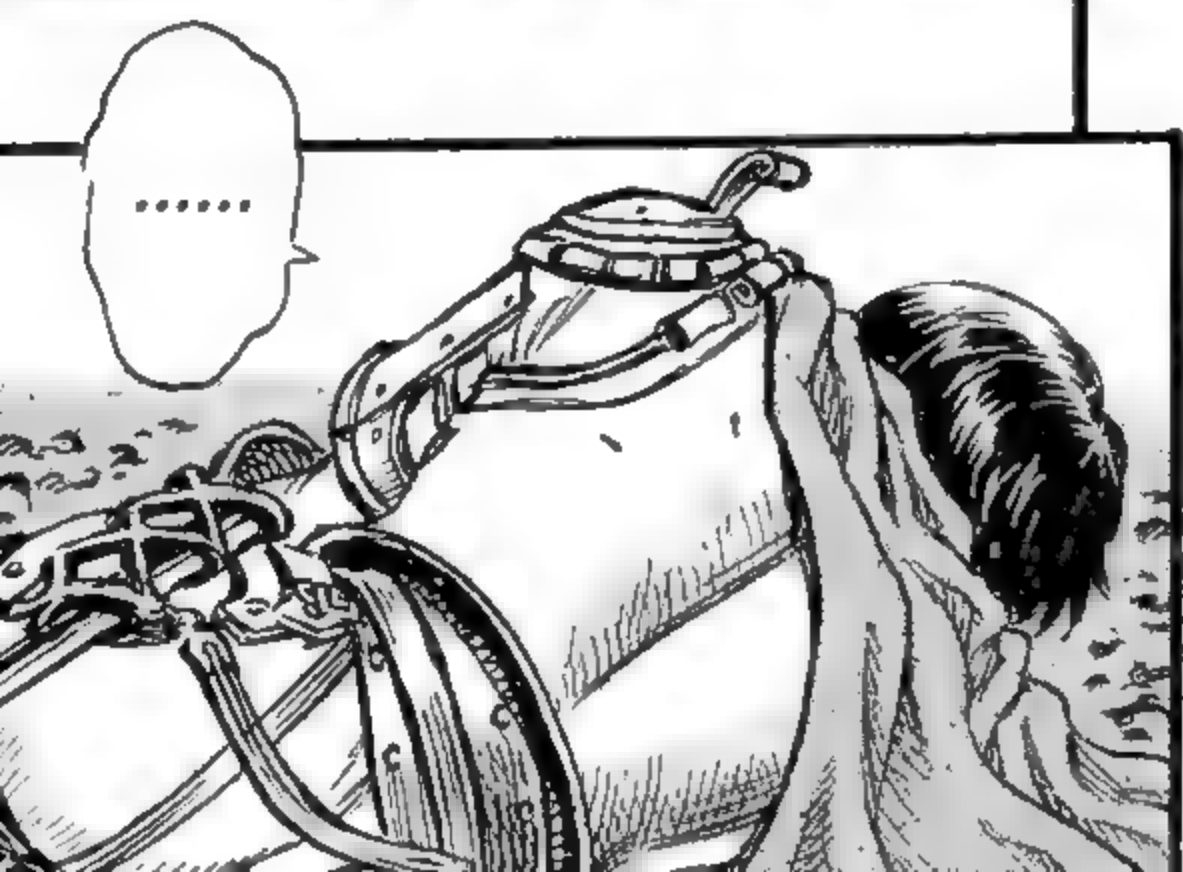


EVEN
THOUGH
I HATE
HIM...



EVEN
NOW...





...THOUGH
I FEEL
LIKE I
WANT TO
KILL HIM.



YOU'RE ALWAYS...

...GETTING HURT.



LOOK HERE!!
DON'T YOU EVER GO
NEAR A CLIFF
AGAIN!!

I CAN'T DEAL
WITH BEIN'
DRAGGED OFF
TWO OR
THREE TIMES!!



WHAT
THE
HELL'RE
YOU
THINKIN'...



OW.



YOU
FOOL....



...BECAUSE
OF ME.

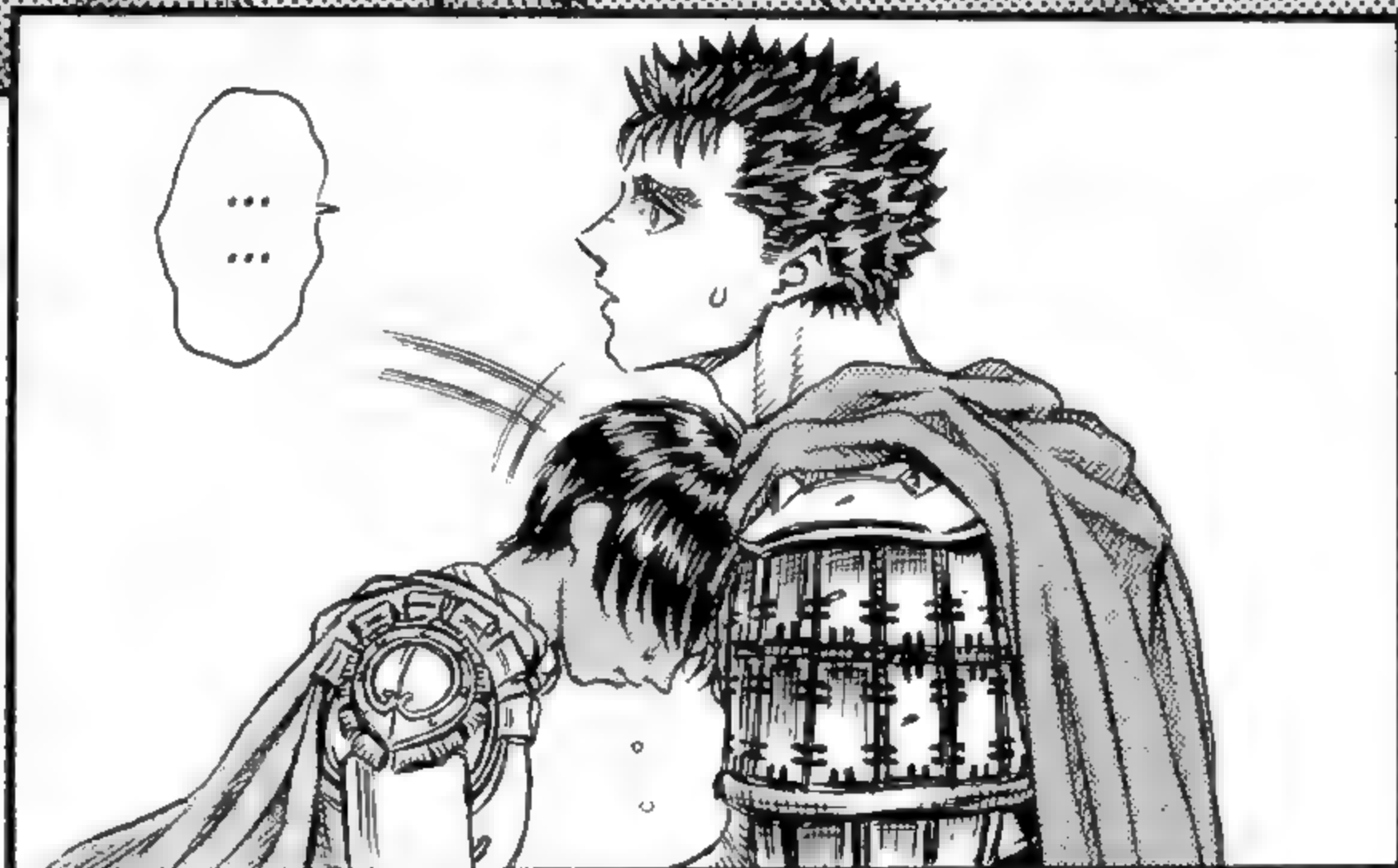
ALWAYS
...

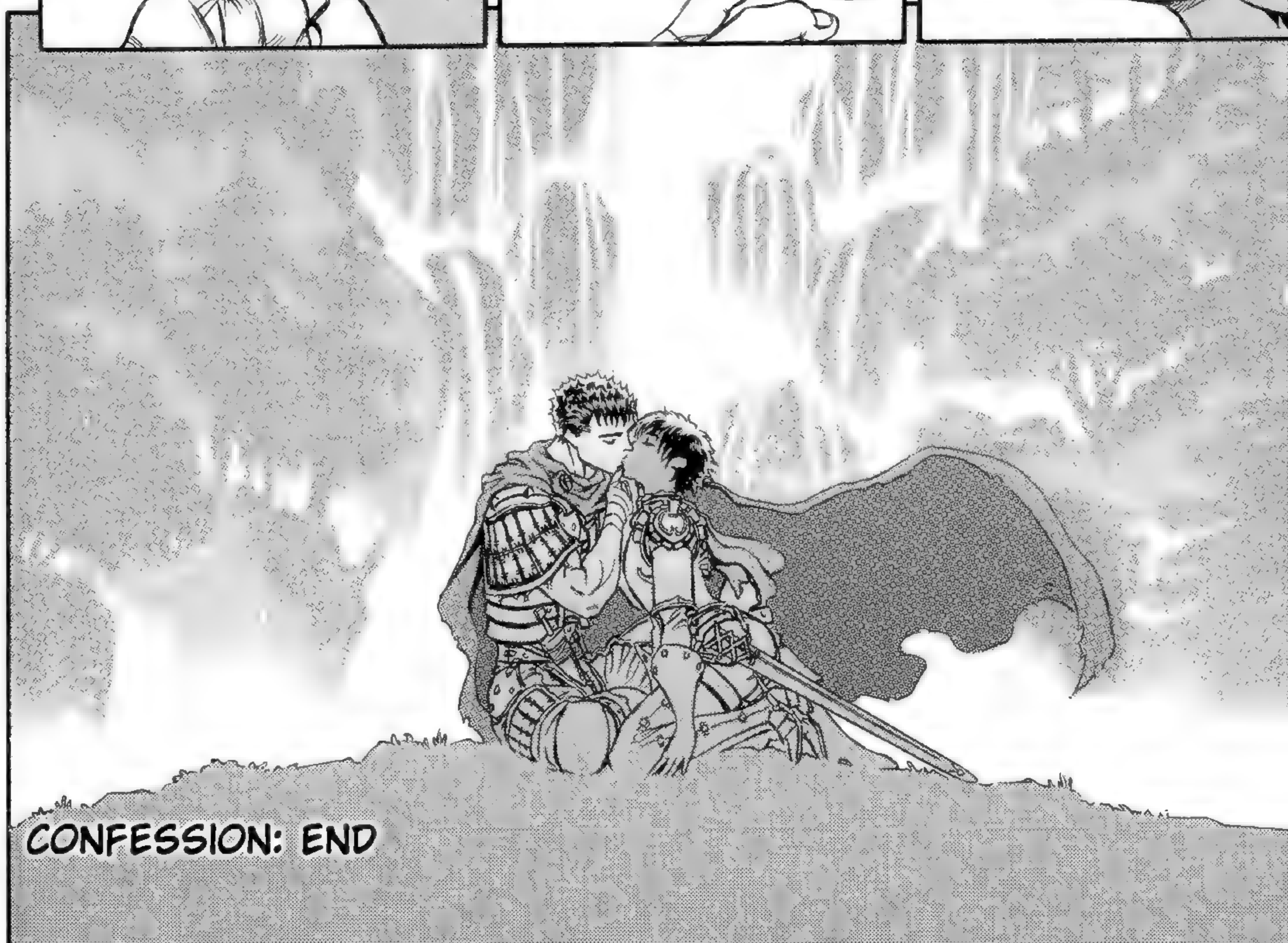
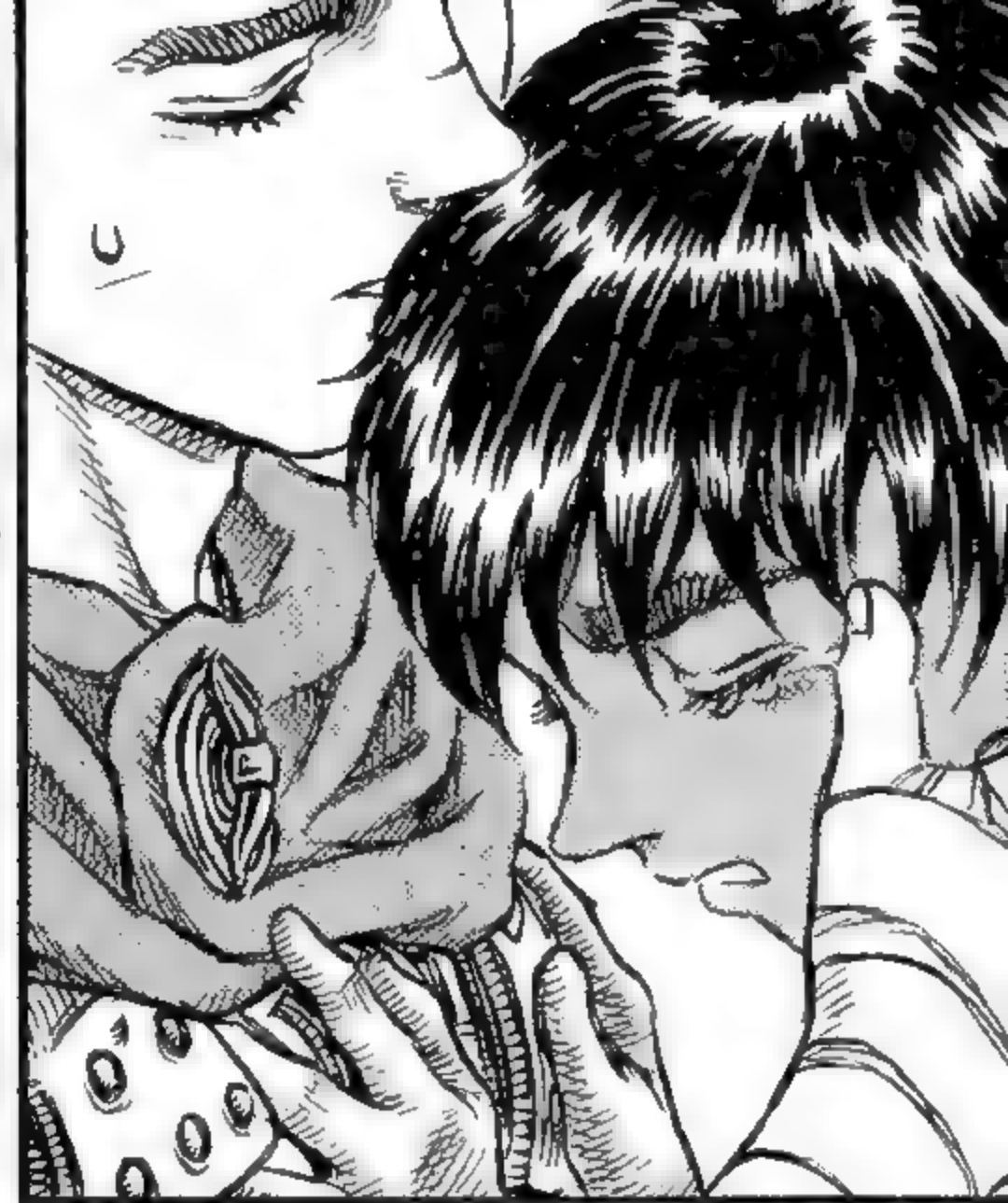


YOU'RE
SUCH...

...ALWAYS
BLEEDING.

YOU'RE
...



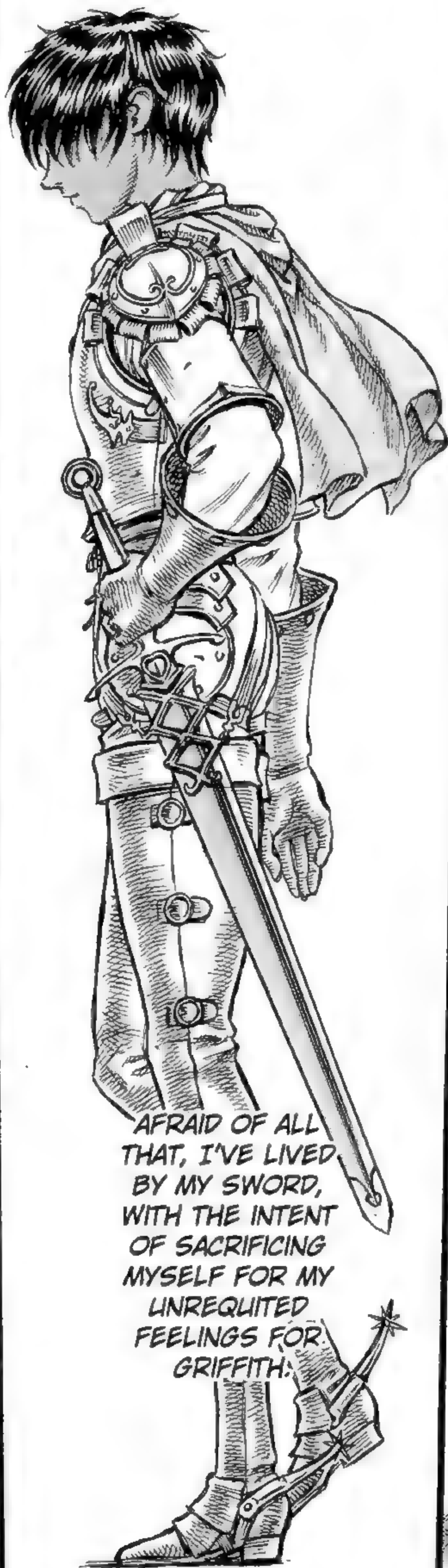


CONFESSION: END

THERE IS NO
FALSEHOOD IN
THE WAY I LIVE.
THAT ALONE WAS
MY PRIDE...

THAT I DIDN'T WANT TO ADMIT
WHAT I HAD BECOME.

IT WAS LIKE THE ME
I HAD BEEN SINCE
I MET GRIFFITH.....
LIKE THE FEELINGS I'D
HAD SINCE THEN WOULD
ALL BE FALSE.



AFRAID OF ALL
THAT, I'VE LIVED
BY MY SWORD,
WITH THE INTENT
OF SACRIFICING
MYSELF FOR MY
UNREQUITED
FEELINGS FOR
GRIFFITH.

BECAUSE
IT'S WHAT
GRIFFITH
GAVE
TO ME.

I
FINALLY
REALIZED
THAT
DAY...

...THAT MORE
THAN GRIFFITH,
BROUGHT TO
HIS KNEES
FROM HIS
FIRST
DEFEAT...

...I COULDN'T
TEAR MY
EYES AWAY
FROM HIM...

...AS HE
LEFT,
WITHOUT
EVEN
LOOKING
BACK.



カエル

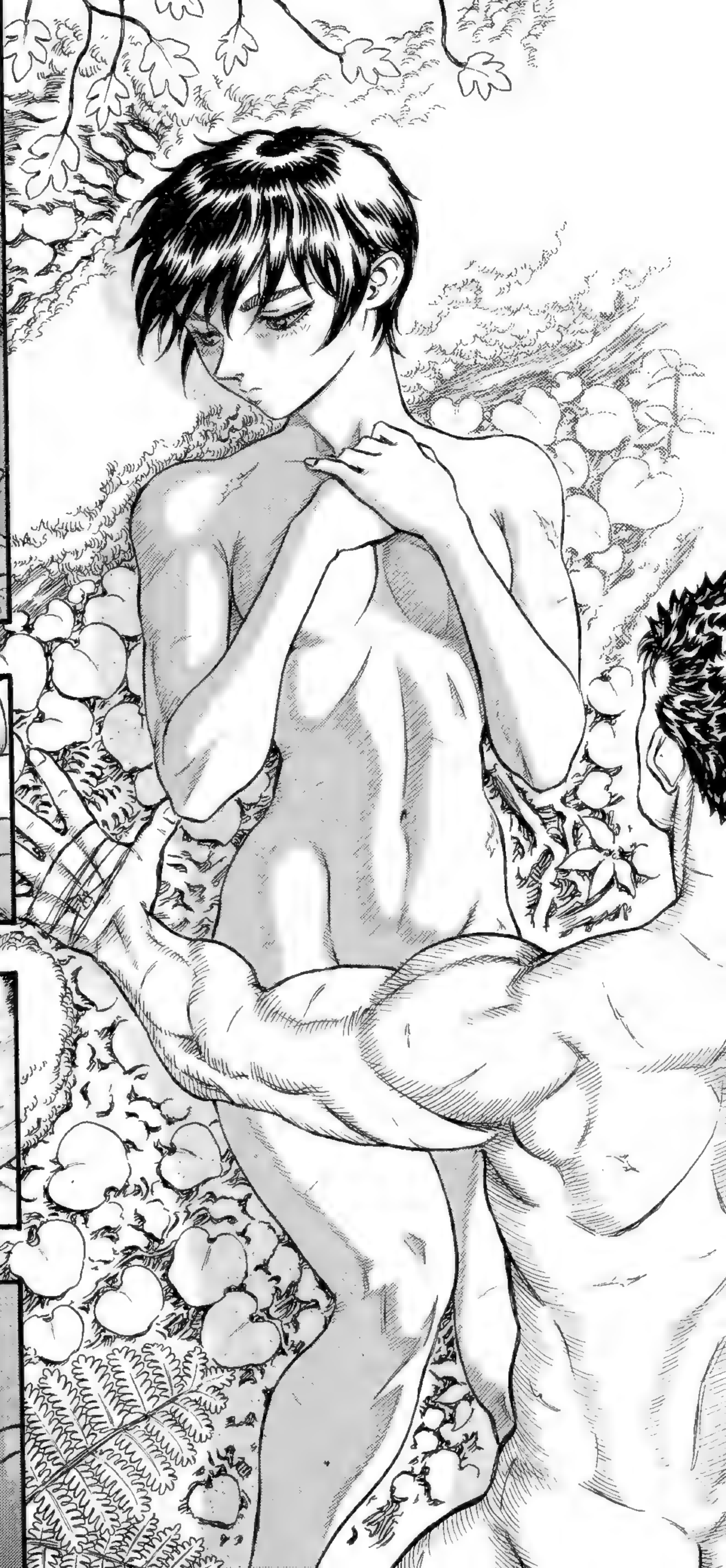


...BUT...

剣心伝説

傷(1)

WOUNDS, CHAPTER 1





I
WONDER...

...IF I'M
GOING TO
WIND UP
CHANGING...



I'M...
SUCH A
COWARD.

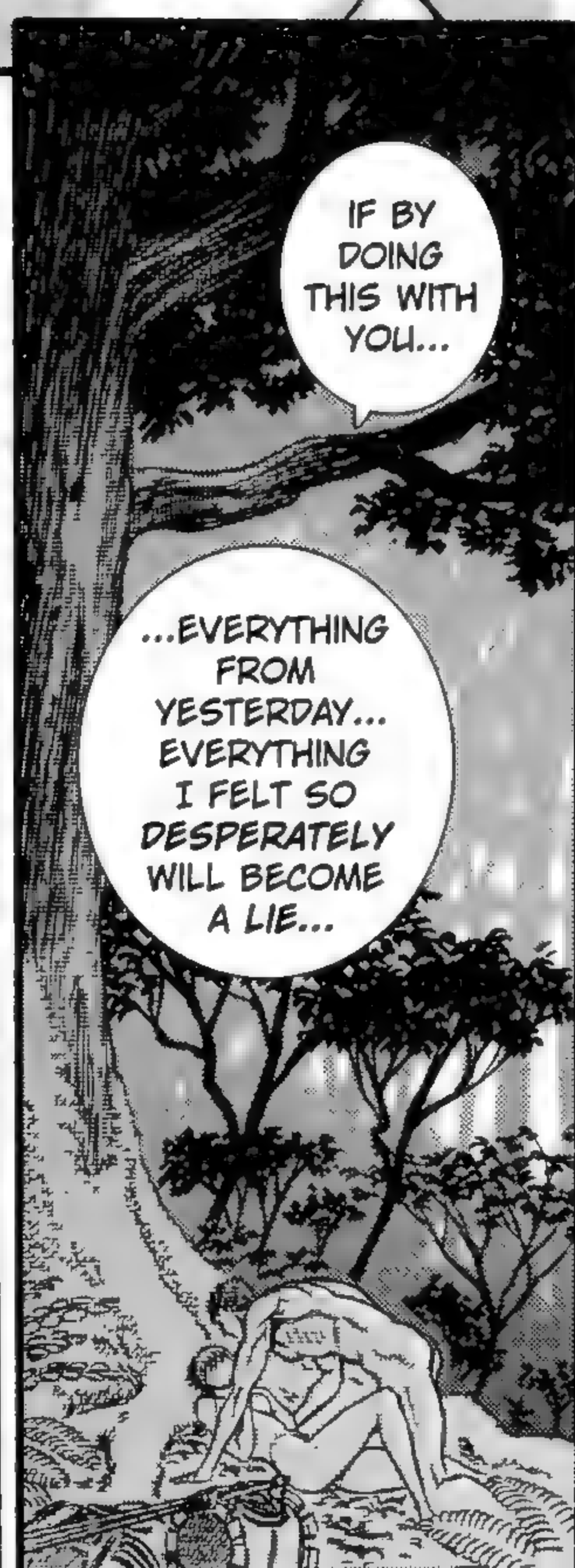
...WILL
FADE AWAY
AND BE
GONE...

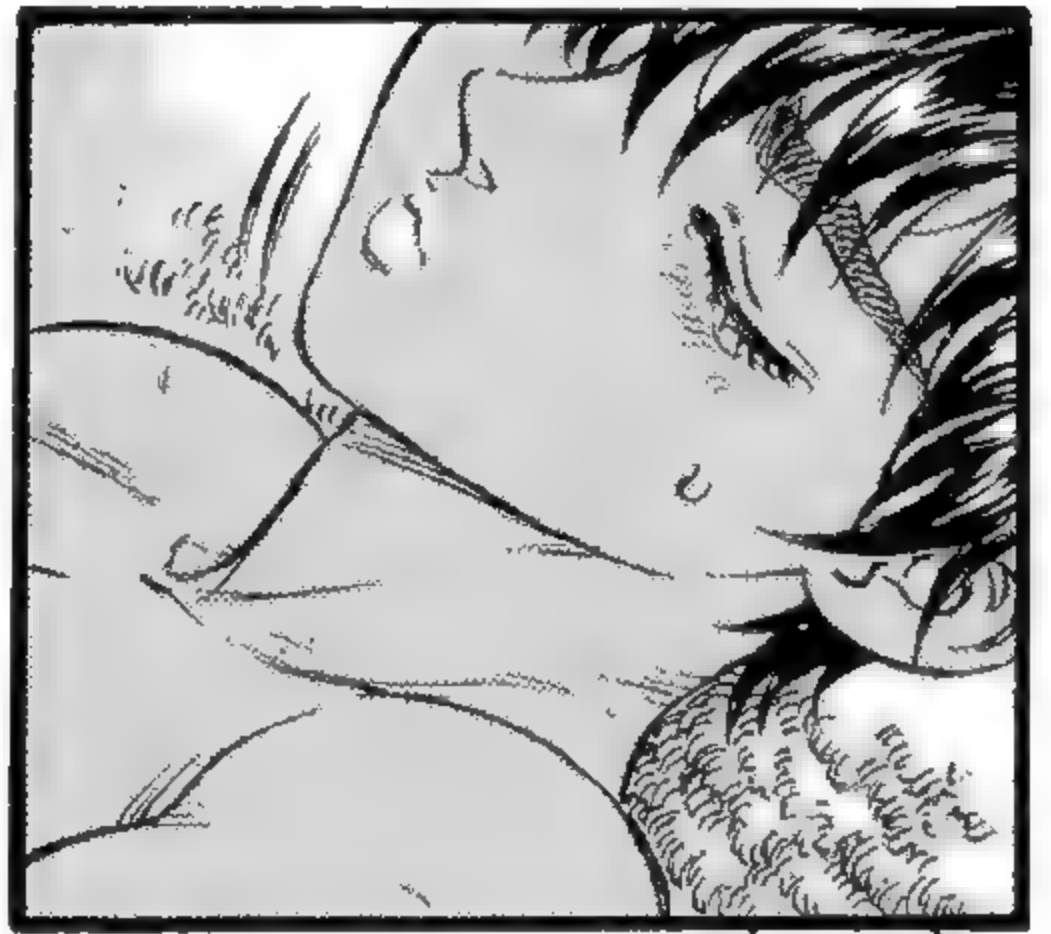
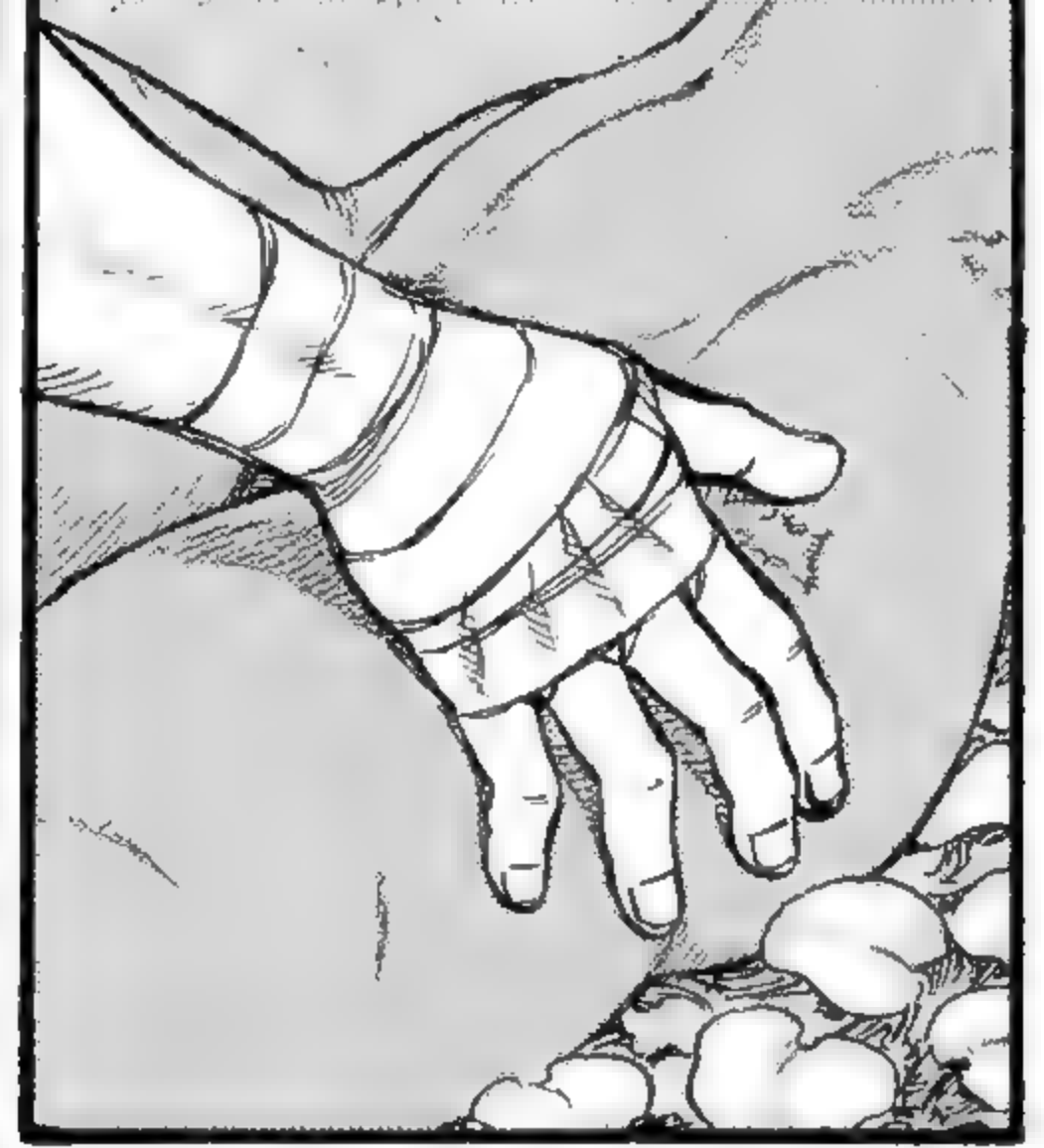
IT'S LIKE
WHAT WAS
IMPORT-
ANT...



IF BY
DOING
THIS WITH
YOU...

...EVERYTHING
FROM
YESTERDAY...
EVERYTHING
I FELT SO
DESPERATELY
WILL BECOME
A LIE...







...INTO
A
BODY
WITH
THIS
MANY
SCARS.

NOBODY
LIES
THEIR
WAY...



I FEEL
IT TO THE
BONE.

...
...

I
KNOW
THAT!

YOU GET ALL
JEALOUS, YOU GET
MAD FAST, AND YOU'RE
QUICK TO HIT! YOU'RE
PLENTY WOMANLY.



I
GET
IT,
AL-
READY.

I KNOW
HOW
SERIOUS
YOU WERE.



I
UNDER-
STAND.



HE
WAS ON
YOURS
EARLIER.



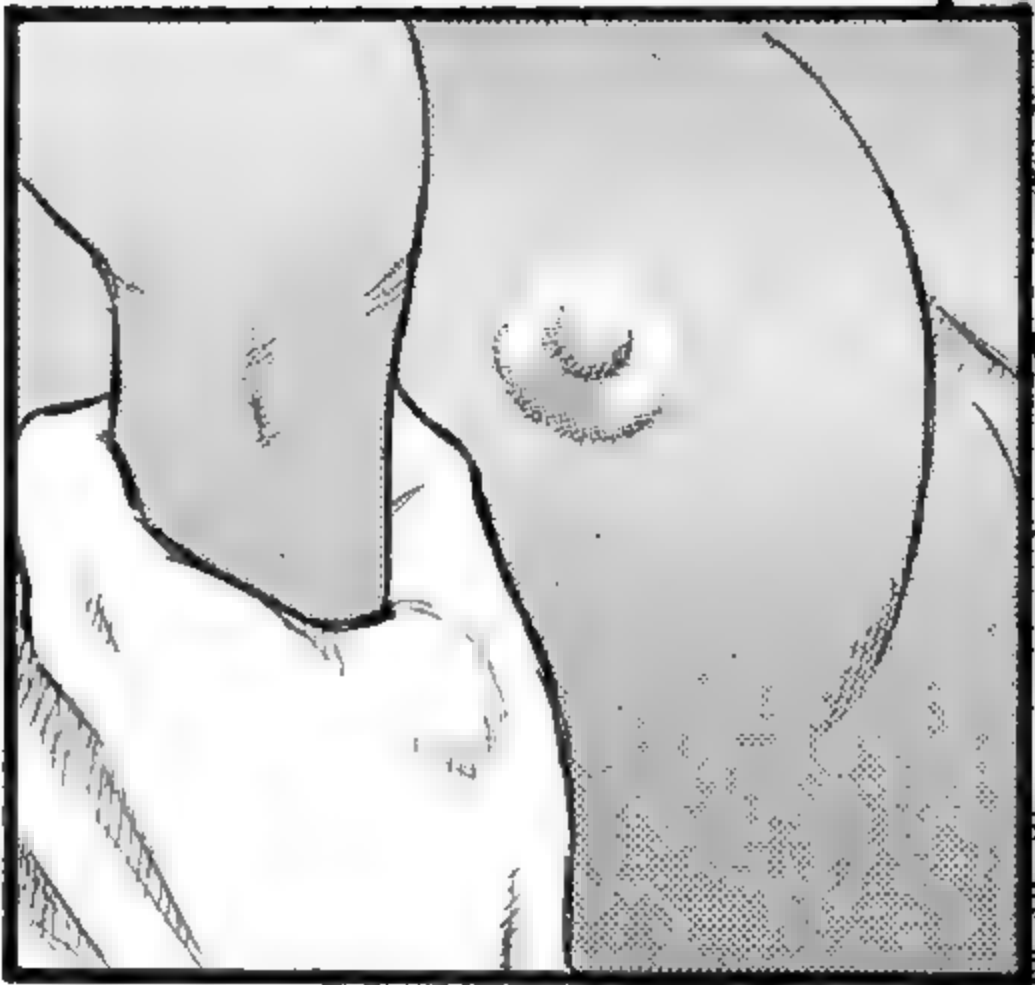
DID
YOU
KNOW
...

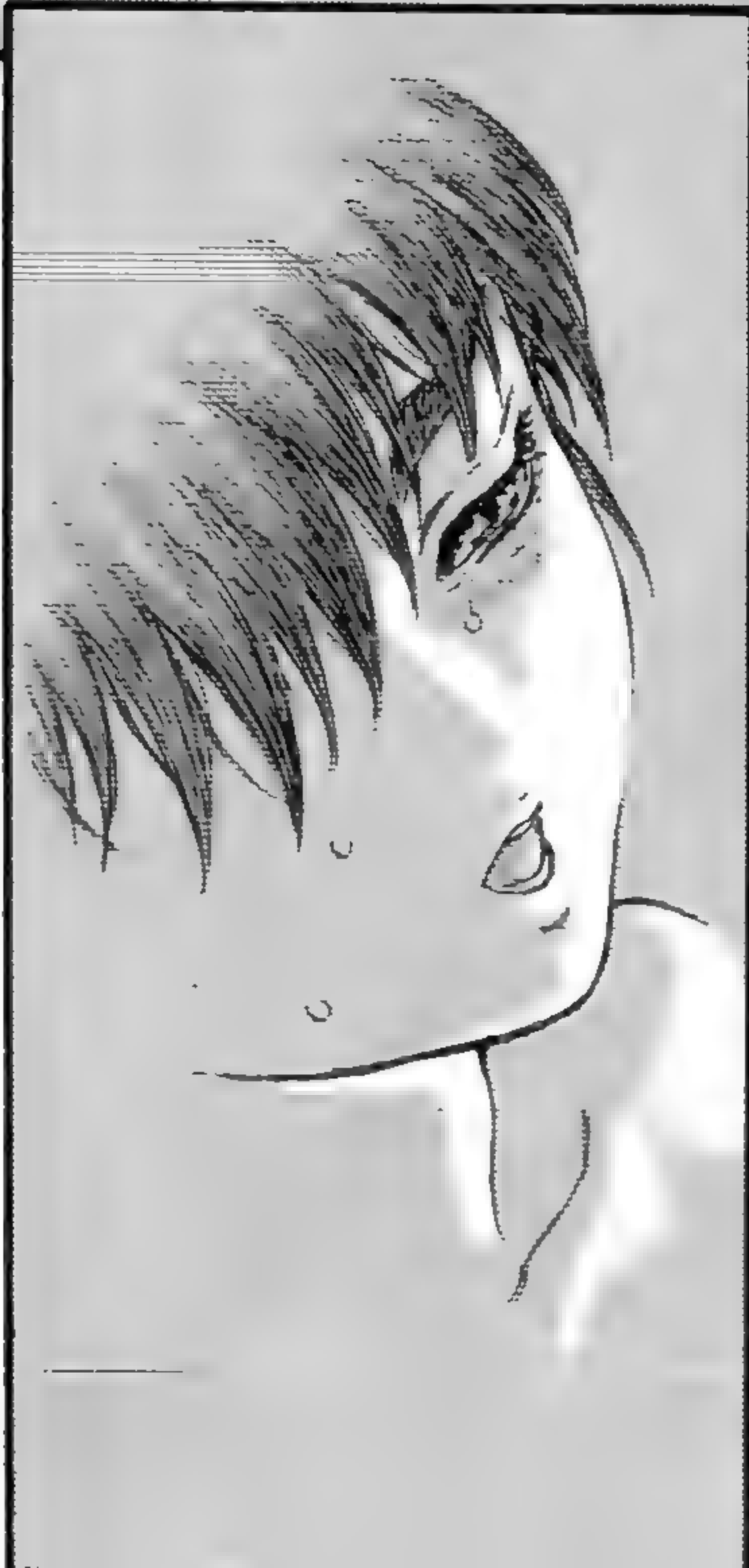
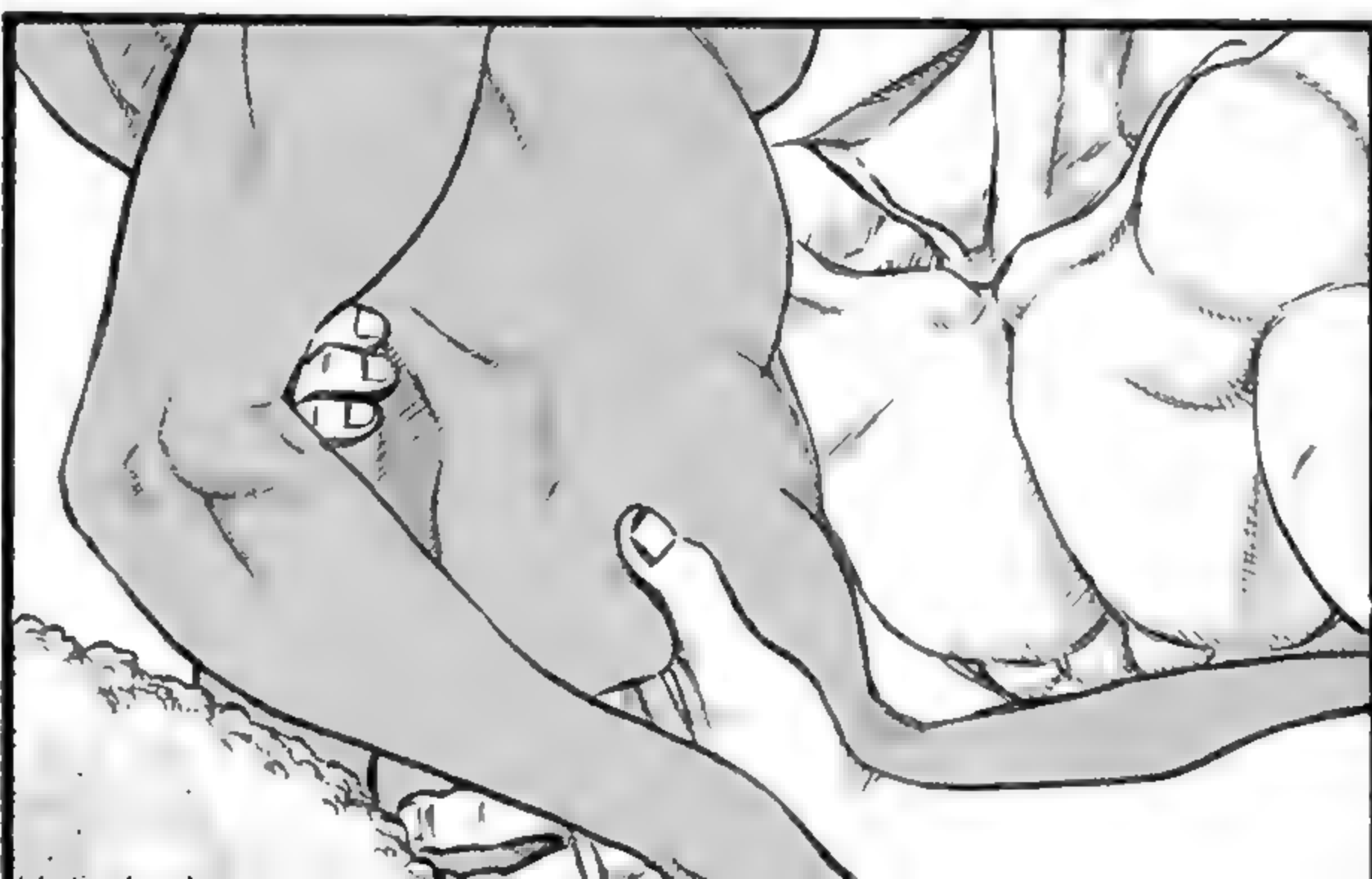
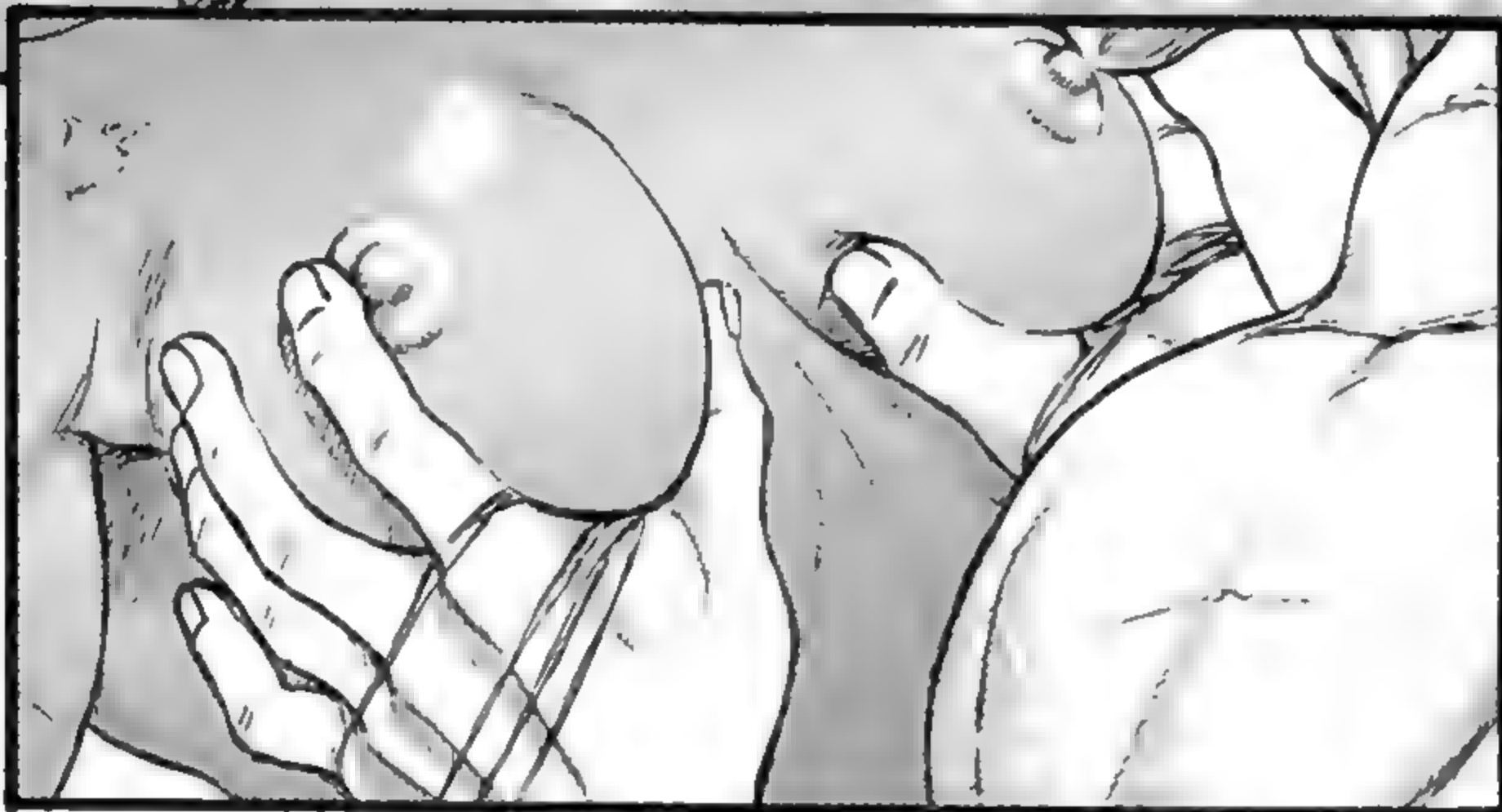
...THE
JINX
OF THE
BATTLE-
FIELD?

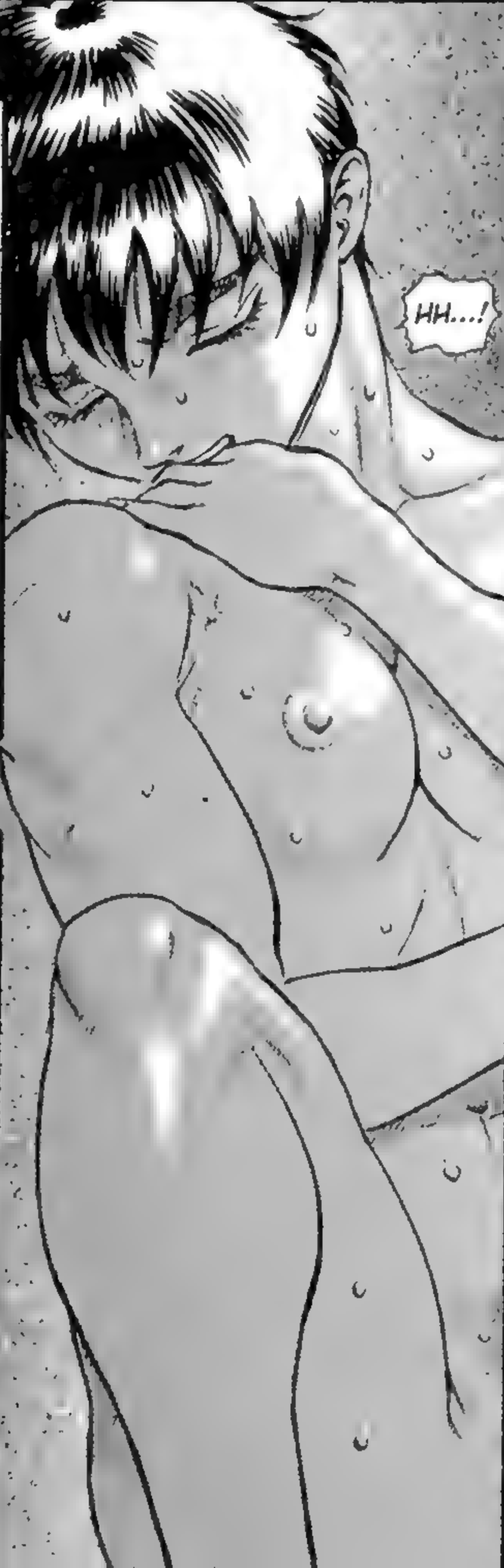
IF YOU SPEND TOO
MUCH TIME FOCUSED
ON THE DEAD OR
BROKEN, YOU'LL FIND
DEATH PERCHED ON
YOUR SHOULDER...

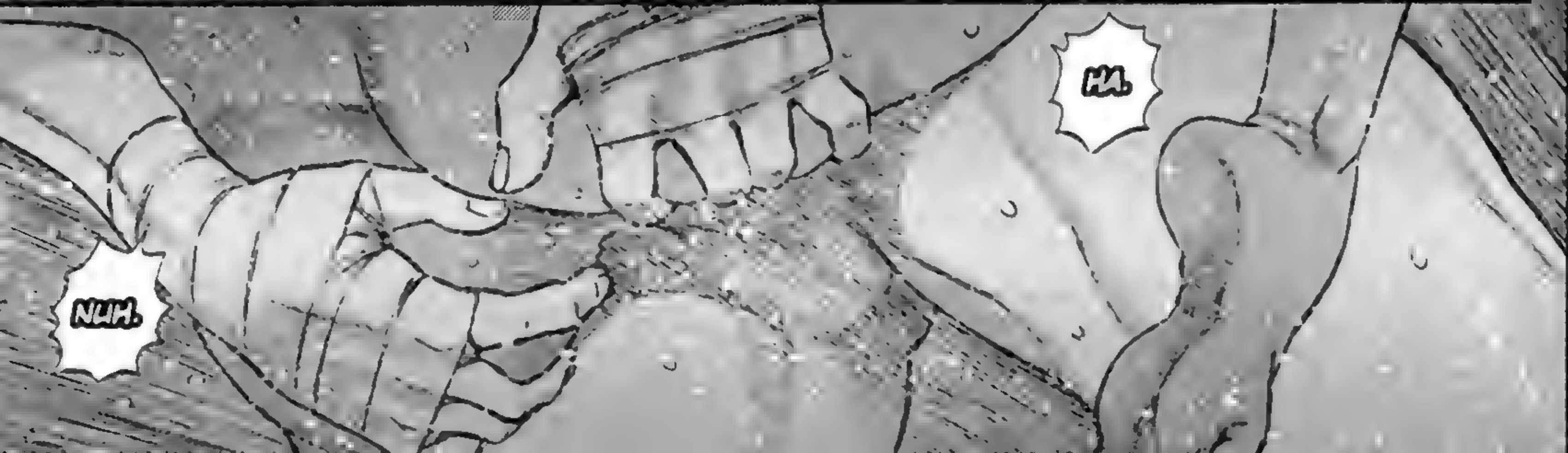
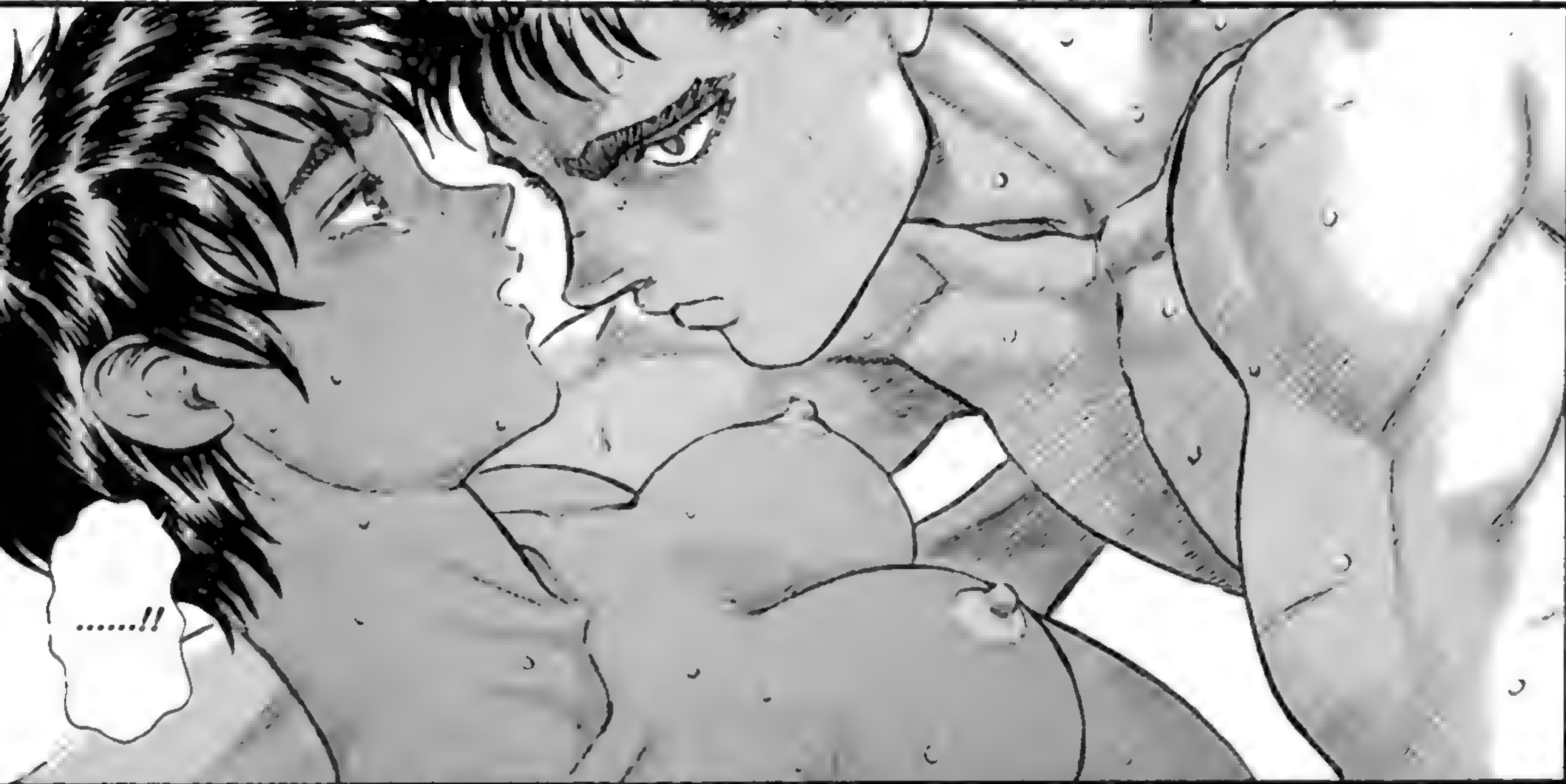






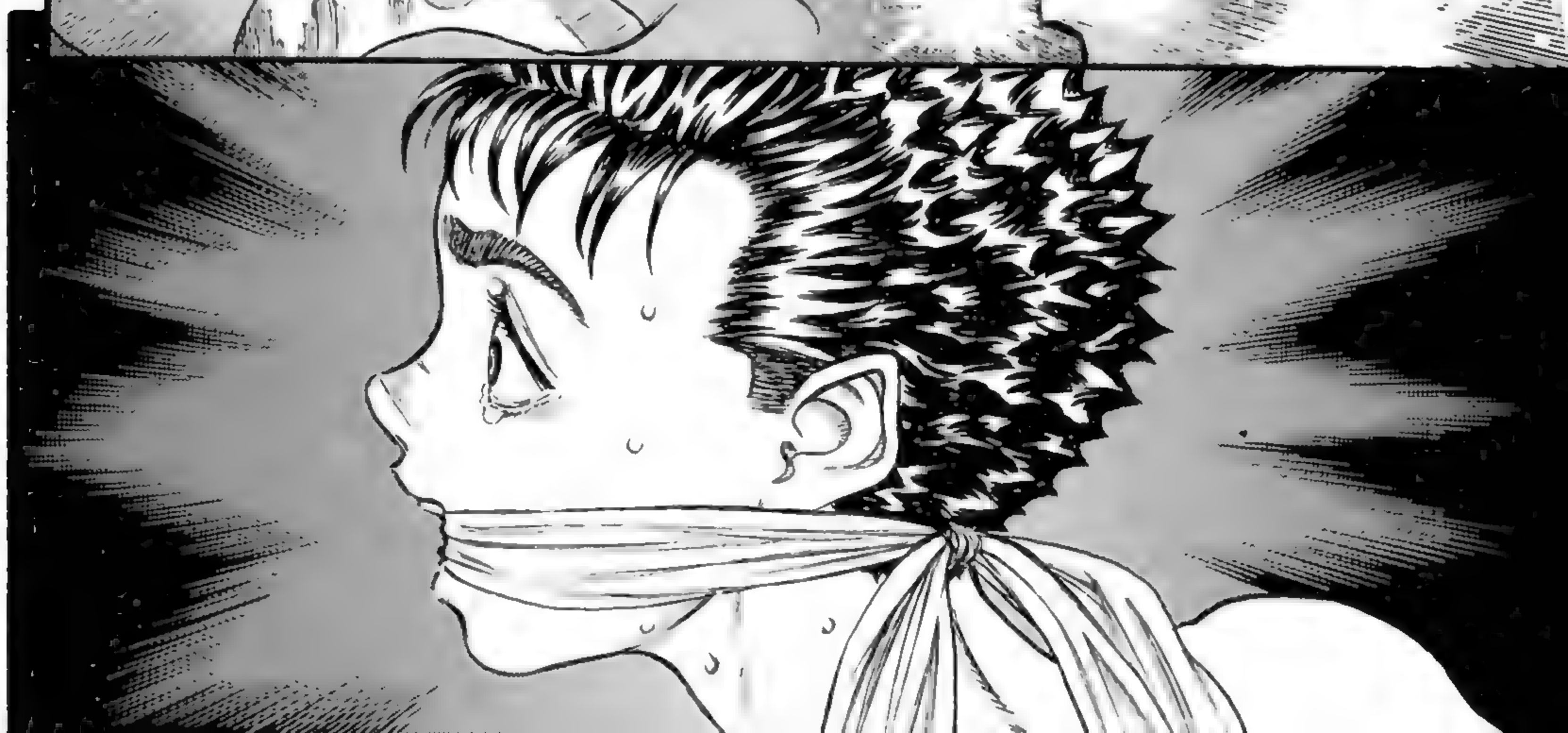
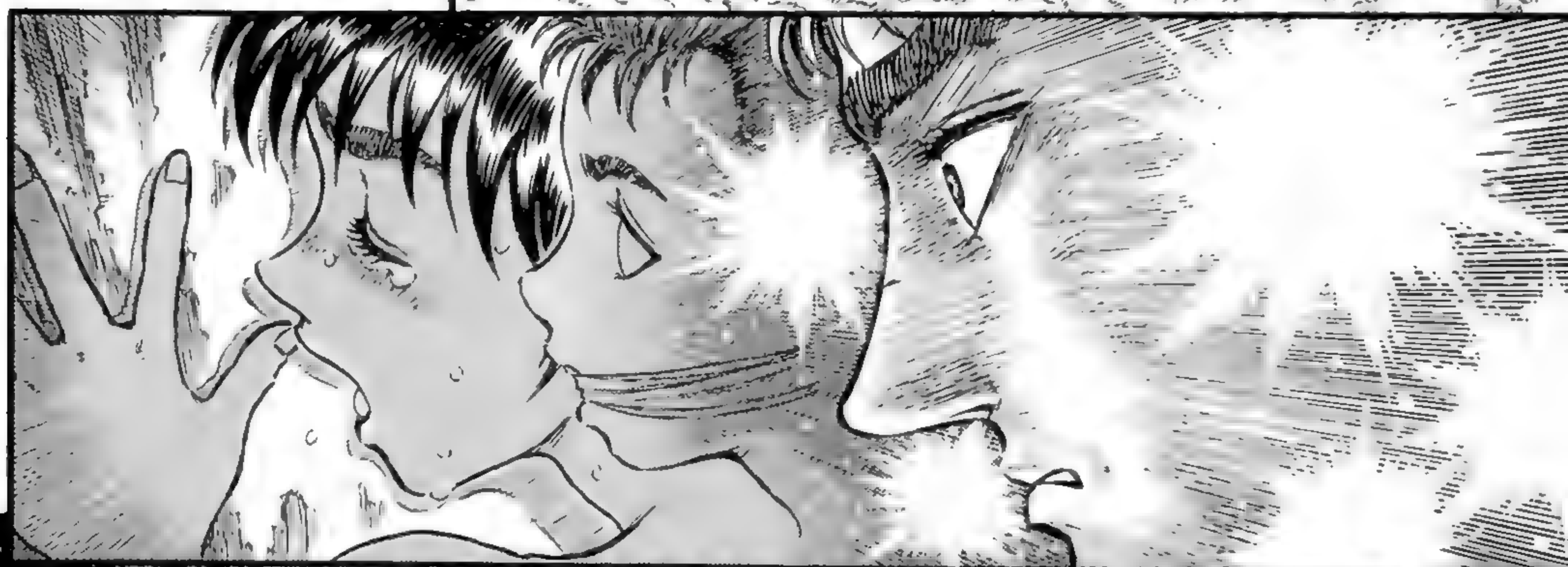


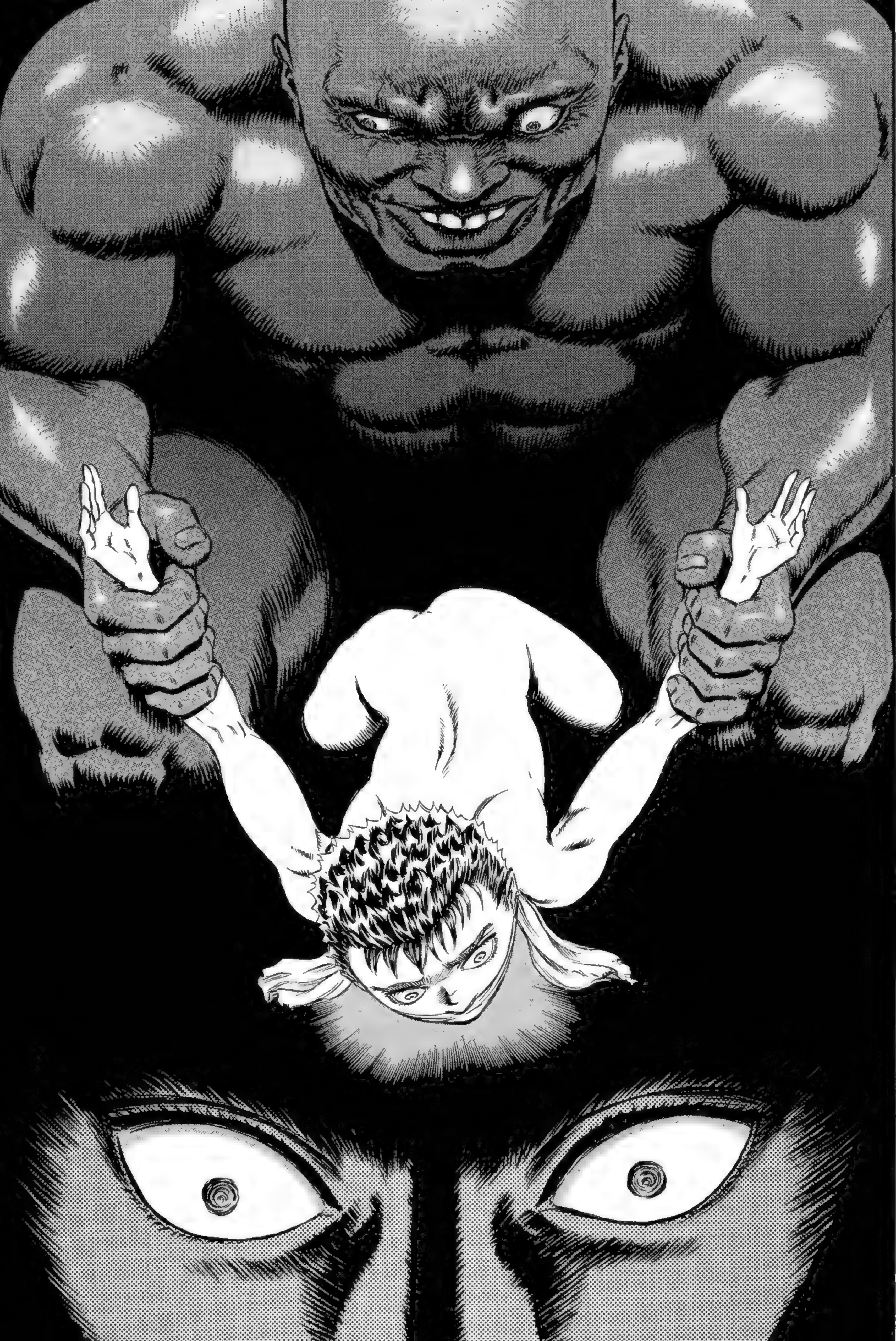








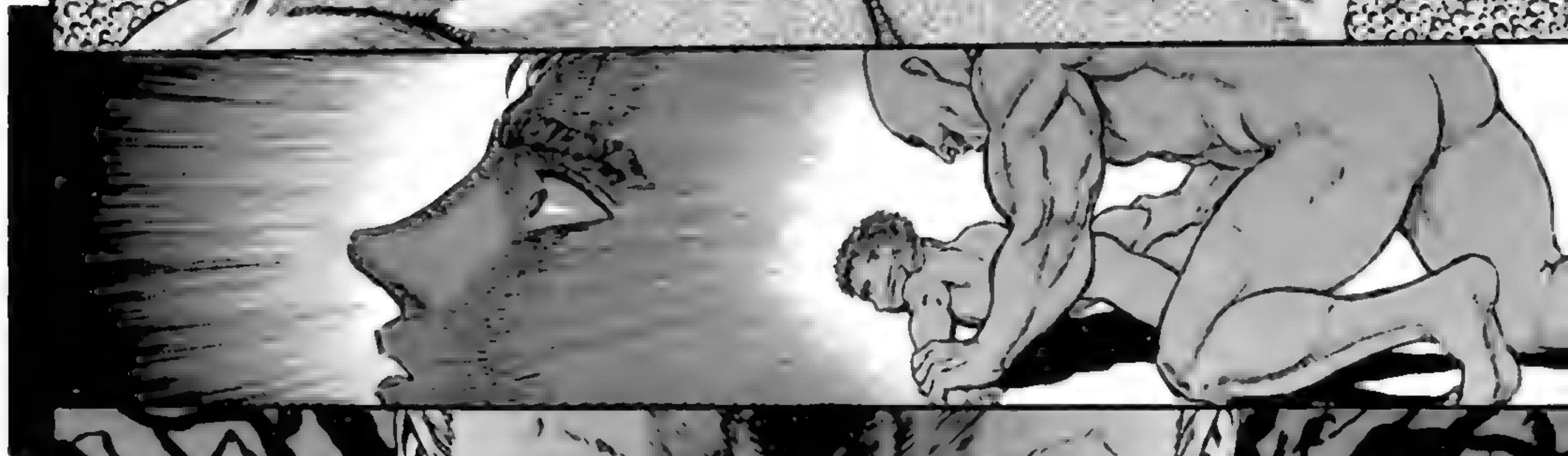






...SOLD
YER
ASS
OUT.

GAMBINO...

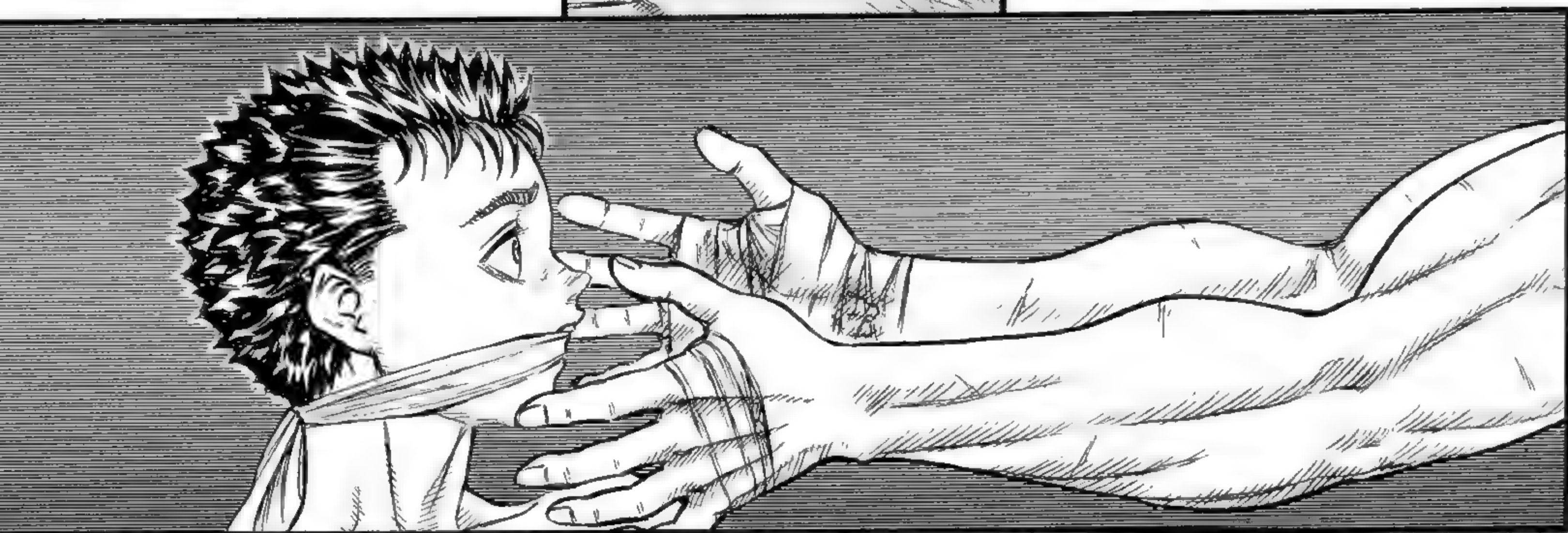
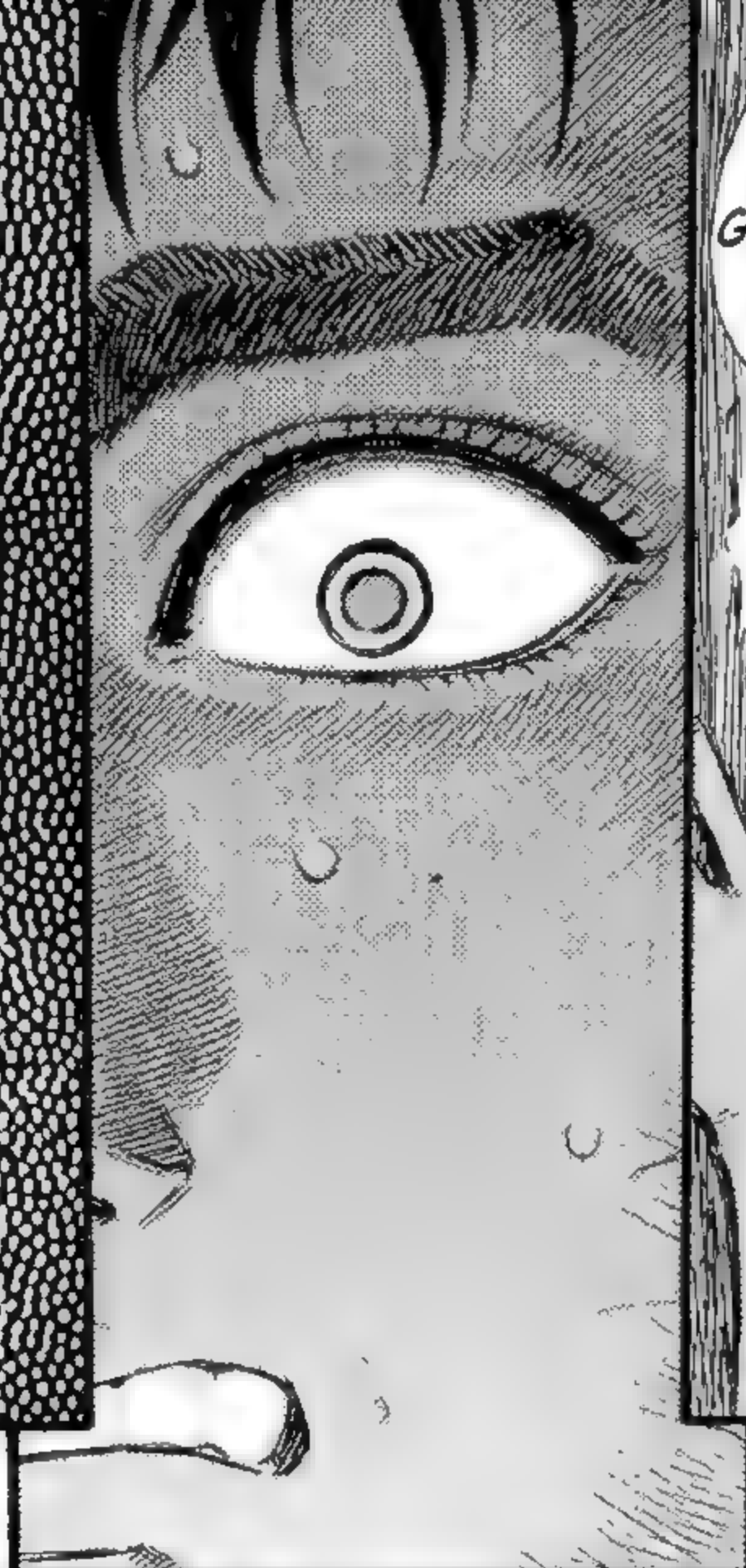


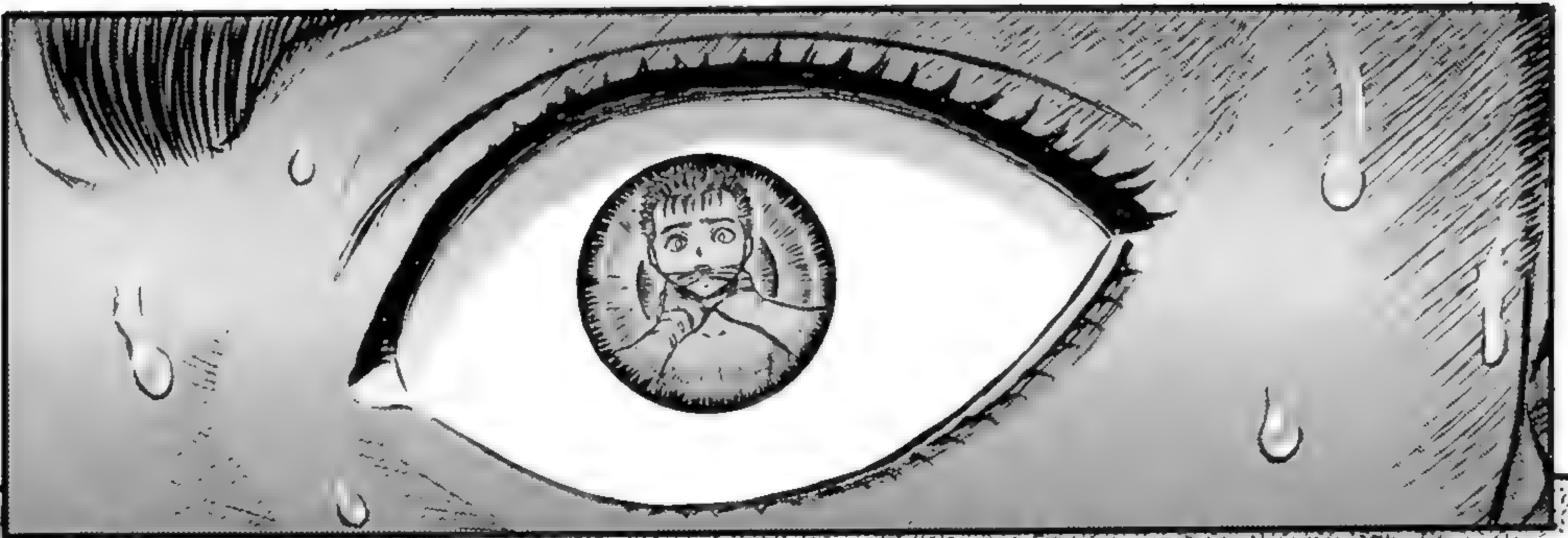
YOU
SHOULD
HAVE
DIED.



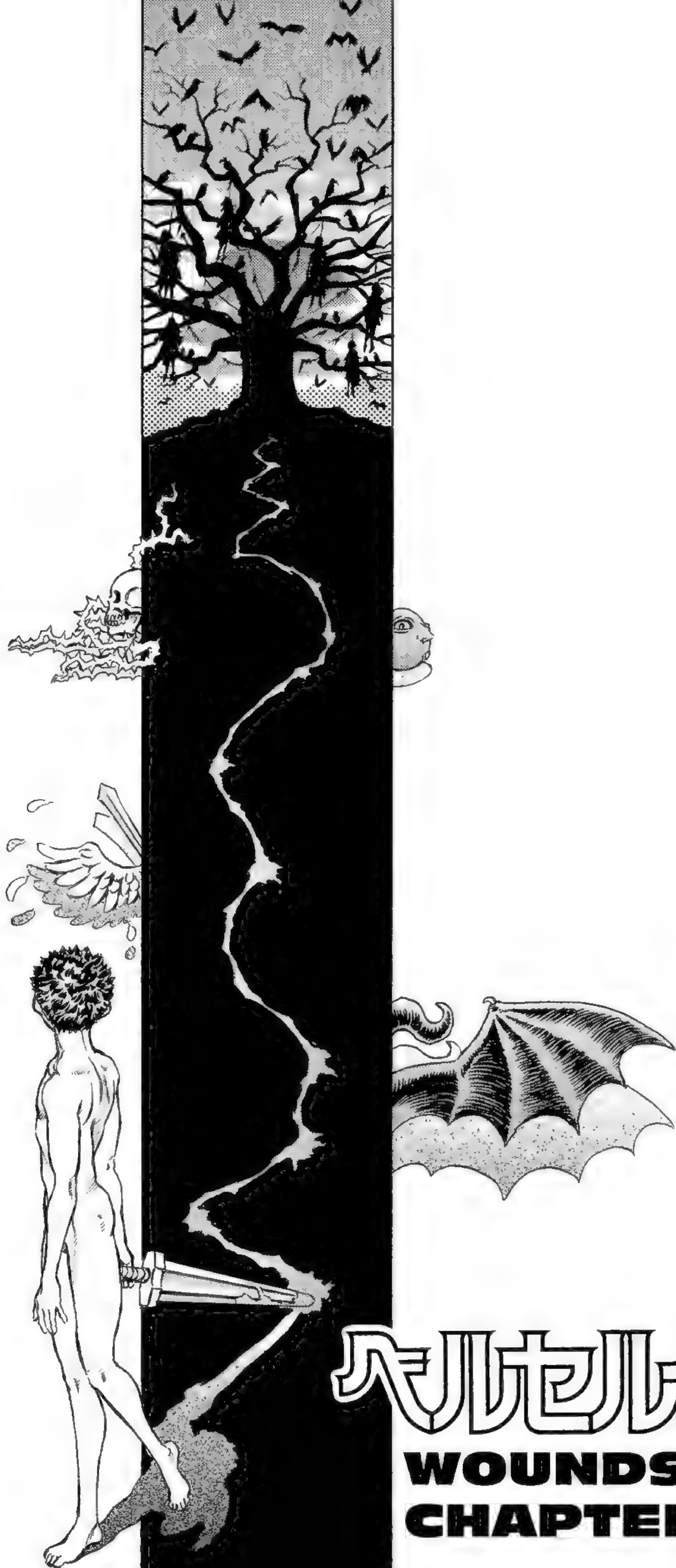
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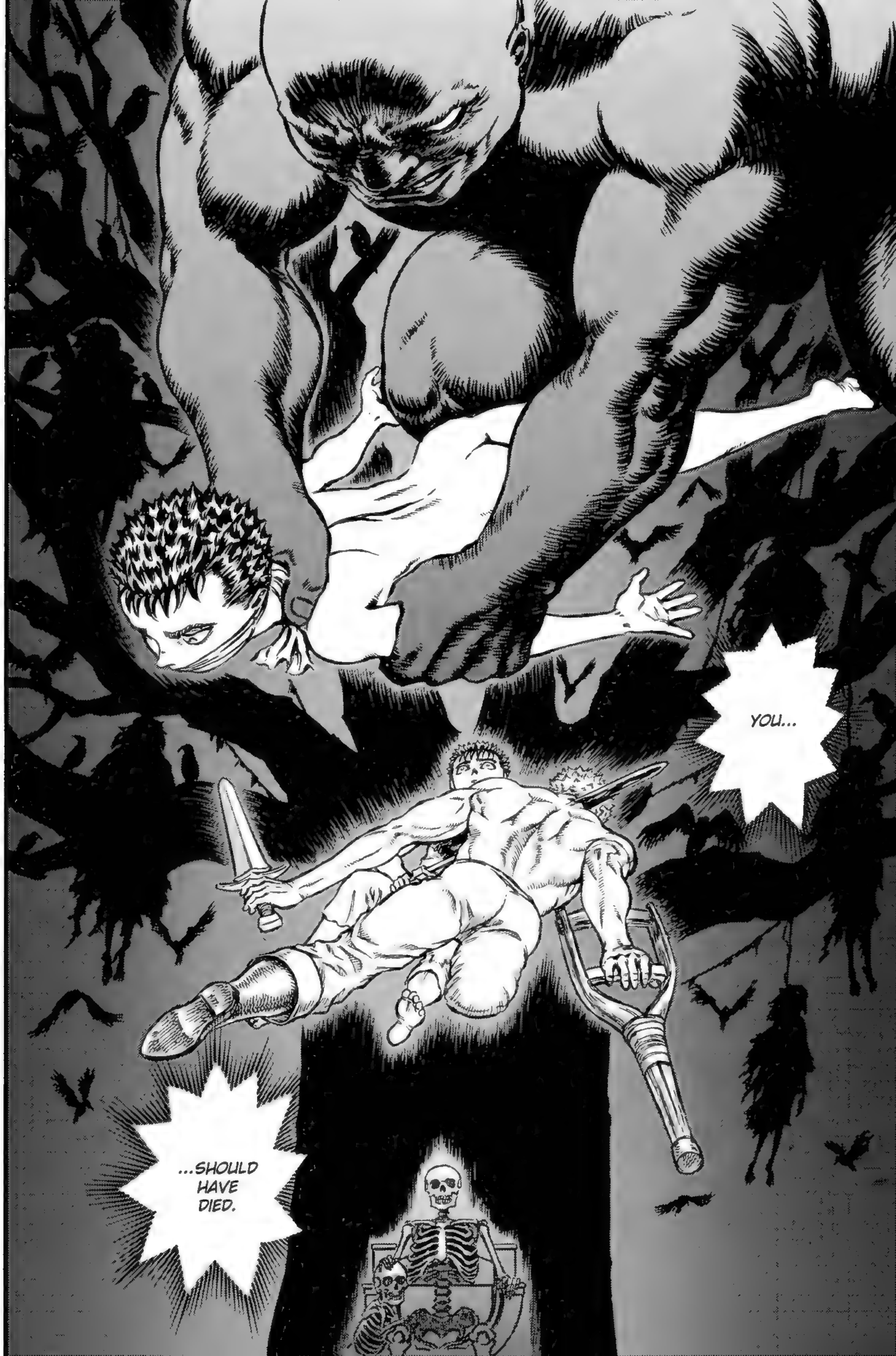


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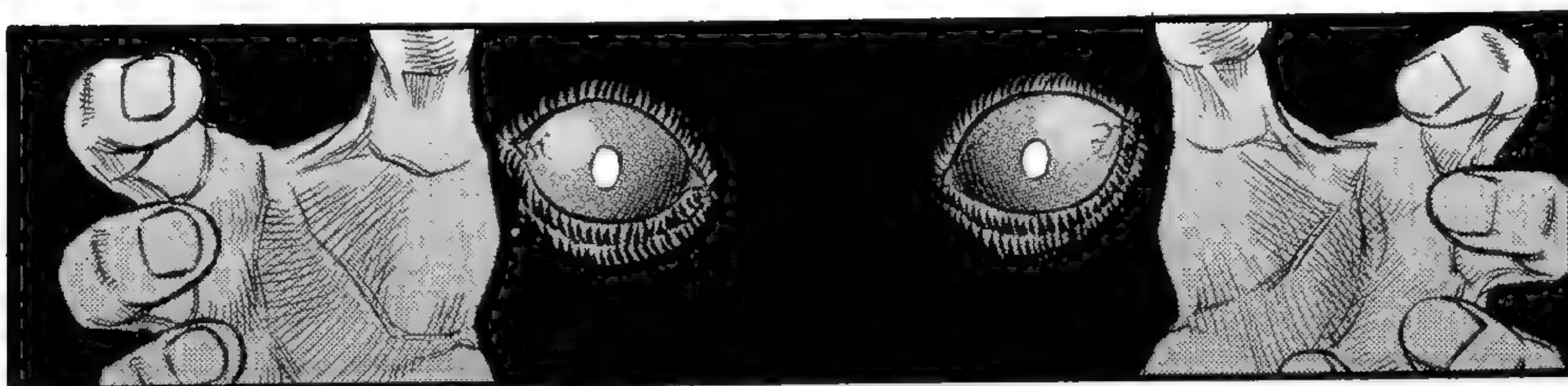
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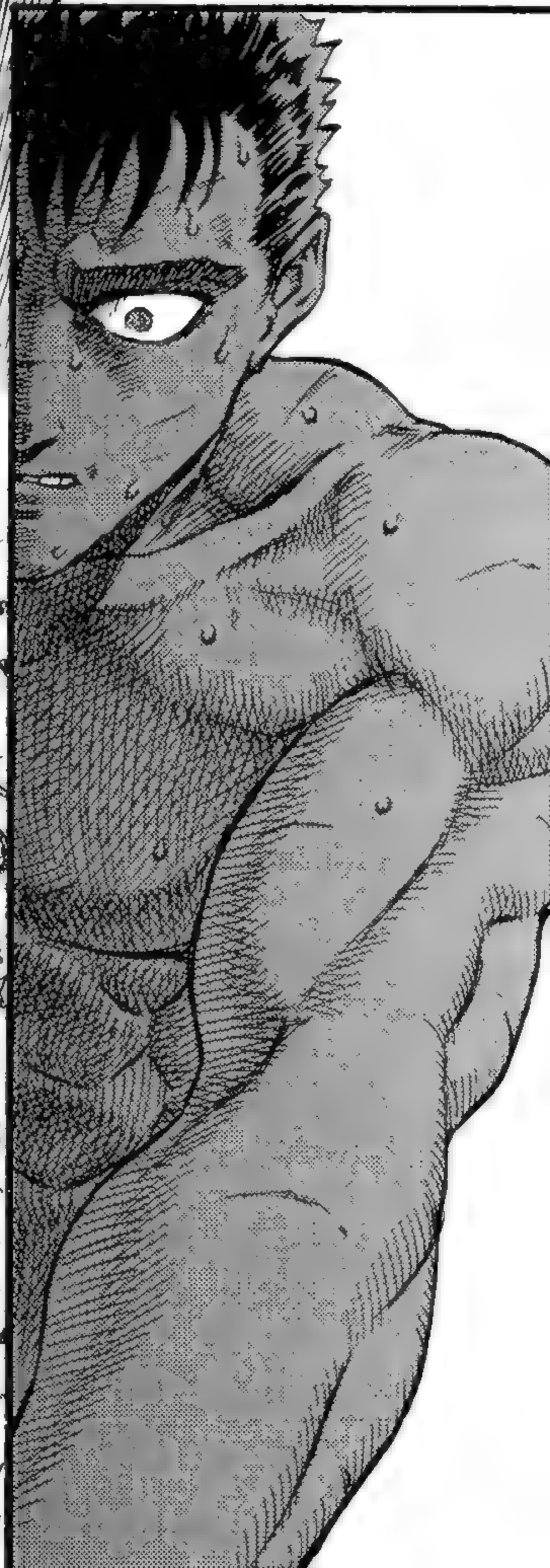
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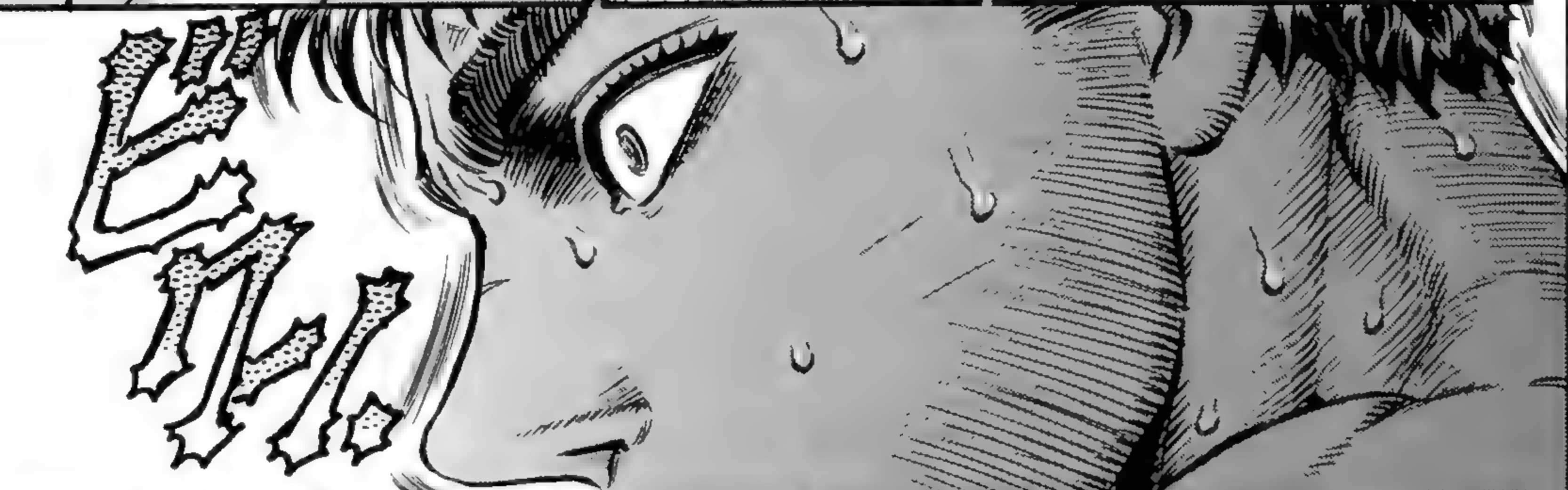


YOU...

...SHOULD
HAVE
DIED.









GLTS.

WHY
...?



I
DIDN'T
MEAN...

I DIDN'T
MEAN TO
KILL YOU.
GAMBINO...

I...



I DIDN'T
WANT
THAT TO
HAPPEN...



... KILL?

...



HE
FORCED
ME...

PINNED
DOWN MY
ARMS AND
LEGS.

A BIG
BLACK
SHADOW
COVERED
OVER ME.



HUHHH

...

...



I
COULDN'T
DO A
GODDAMNED
THING!!

I
COULDN'T
RESIST...

NOT
AS A
CHILD.



MADE IT LOOK
LIKE DEATH IN
BATTLE...FROM
BEHIND WITH
A BOWGUN.

...I
MUR-
DERED
HIM.

SO
...

THAT
PIG
BASTARD
...!!



NO !!



...?

...SO
YOU
KILLED
HIM?

GAMBINO
ASSAULT-
ED
YOU...



I
NEVER
MEANT
TO
KILL
HIM!!

GAMBINO
...!!

...?

GAMBINO
WAS
DIFFERENT
...!!



SO
WHY...?!



HE
TAUGHT
ME
THE
SWORD.

HE TOOK
ME IN
WHEN I
WAS A
BABY AND
ALMOST
DEAD.



WHY'D HE SELL
ME OUT TO
THAT PIG
BASTARD...?

WHY...?

!



BUT
WHEN I
LOOKED
...

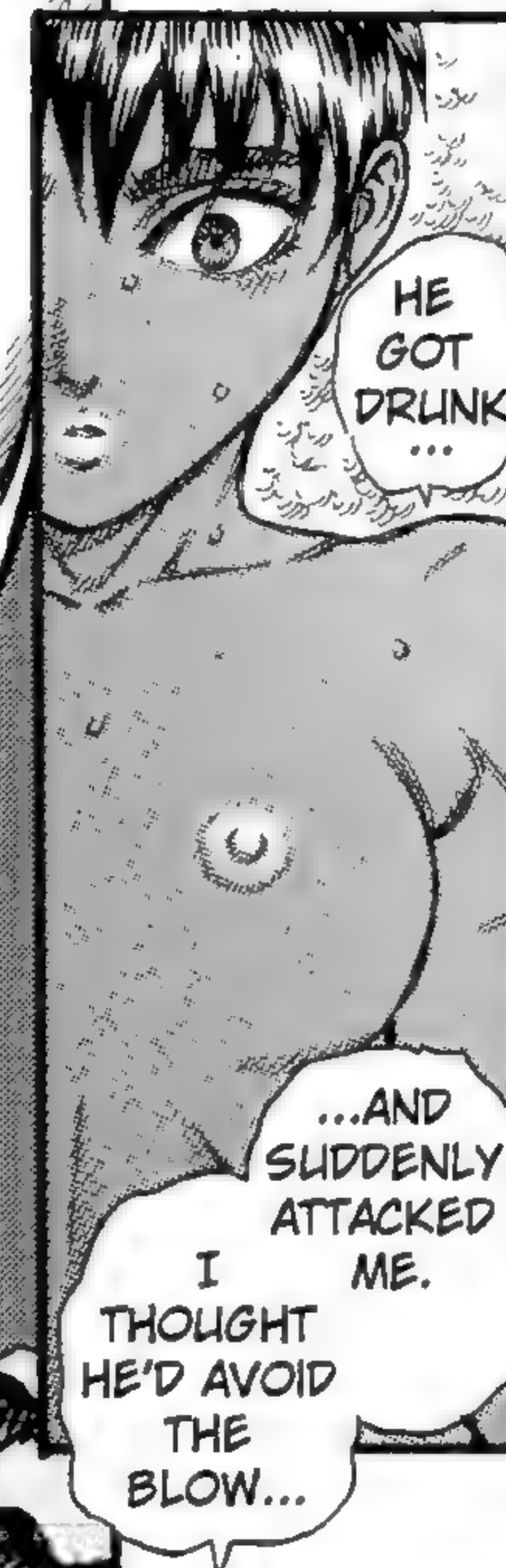
...THERE
WAS MY
SWORD
...

...IN
GAM-
BINO'S
THROAT.



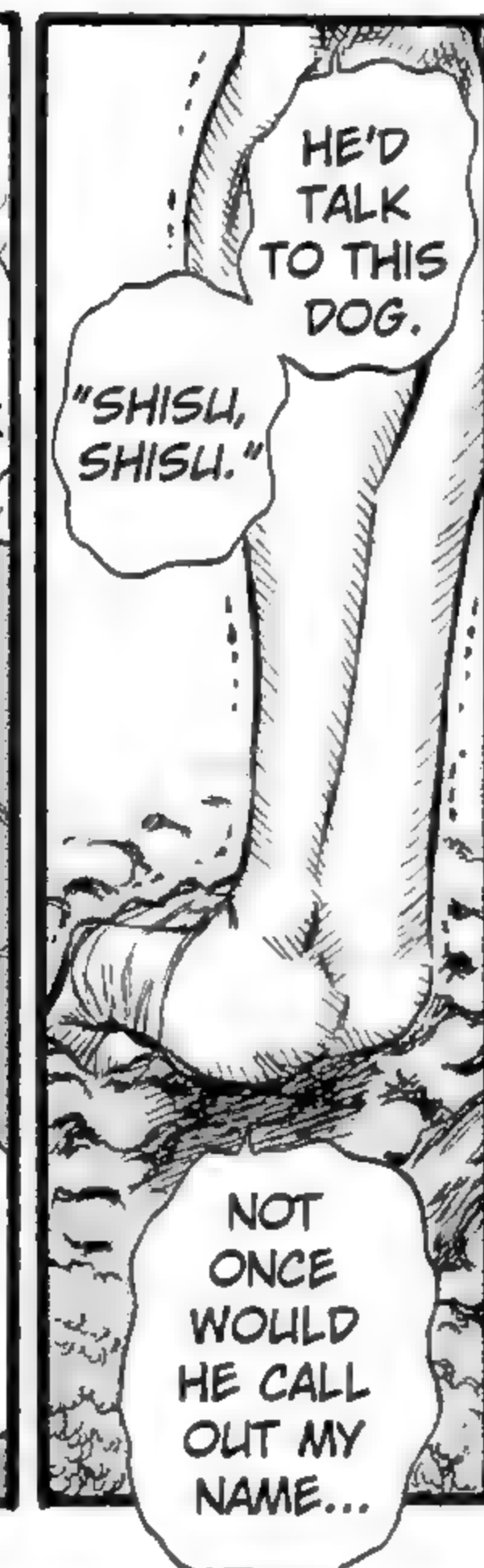
ALWAYS,
AFTER
HE LOST
HIS LEG IN
BATTLE...

HE WAS
ALWAYS
DRINKING.



HE
GOT
DRUNK
...

...AND
SUDDENLY
ATTACKED
ME.
I
THOUGHT
HE'D AVOID
THE
BLOW...



HE'D
TALK
TO THIS
DOG.

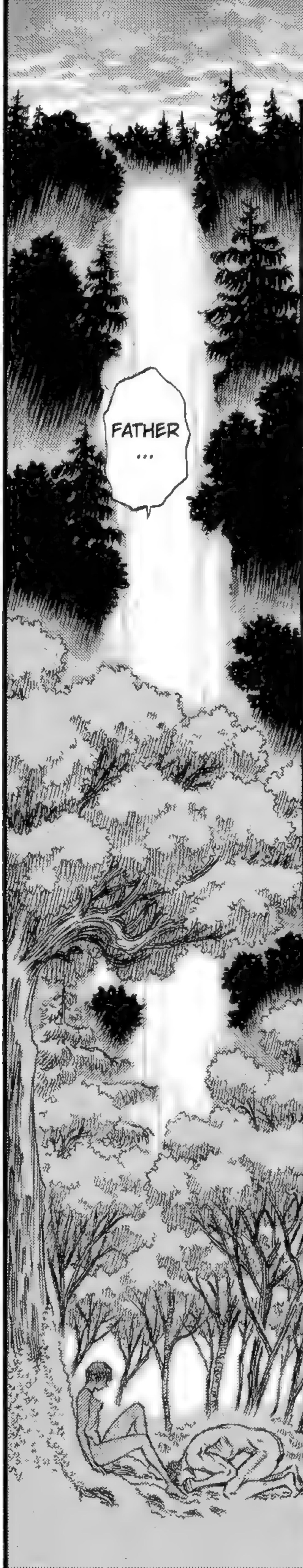
"SHISH,
SHISH."

NOT
ONCE
WOULD
HE CALL
OUT MY
NAME...



MY
SWORD
...

.....!!



FATHER

...



I'M
SORRY

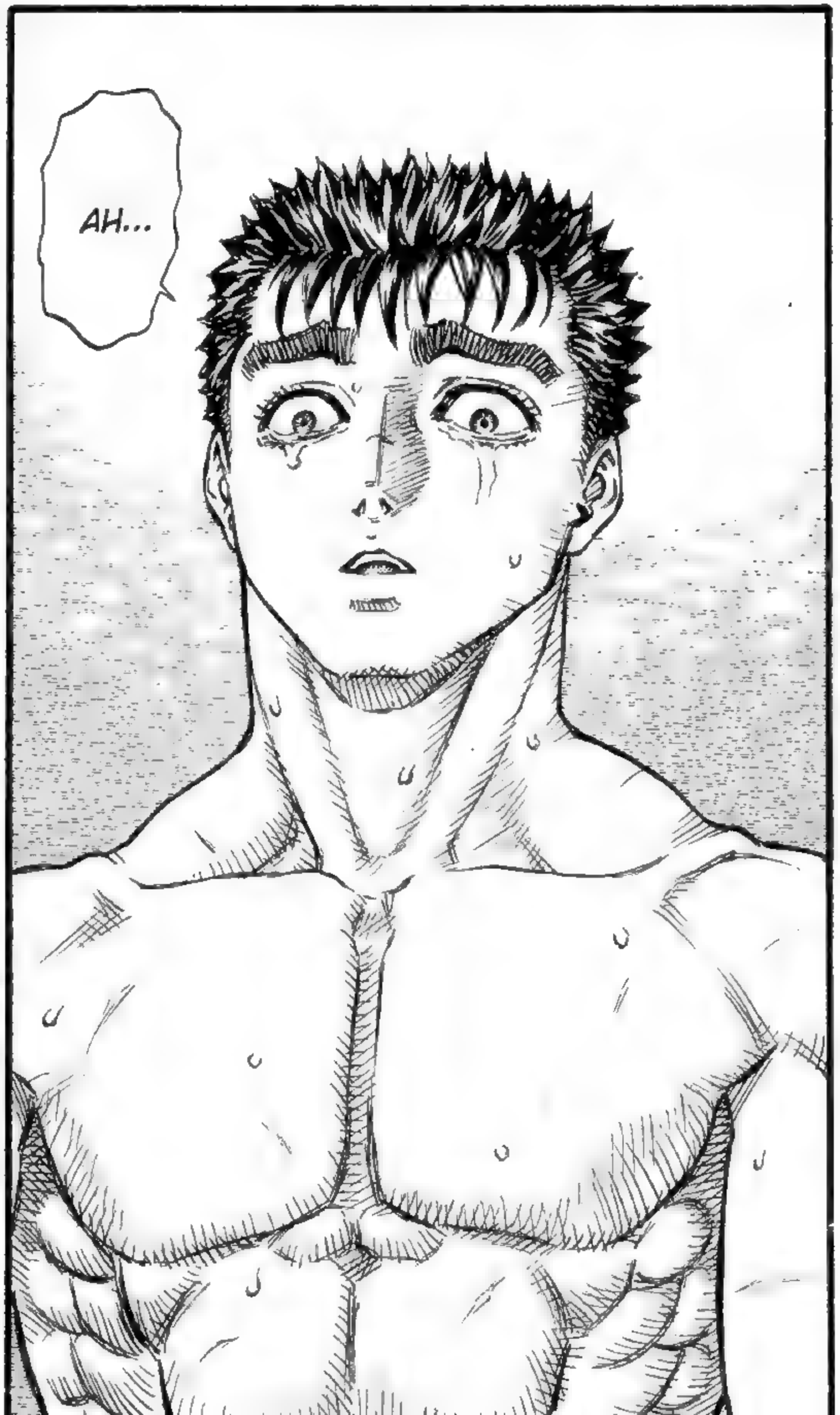
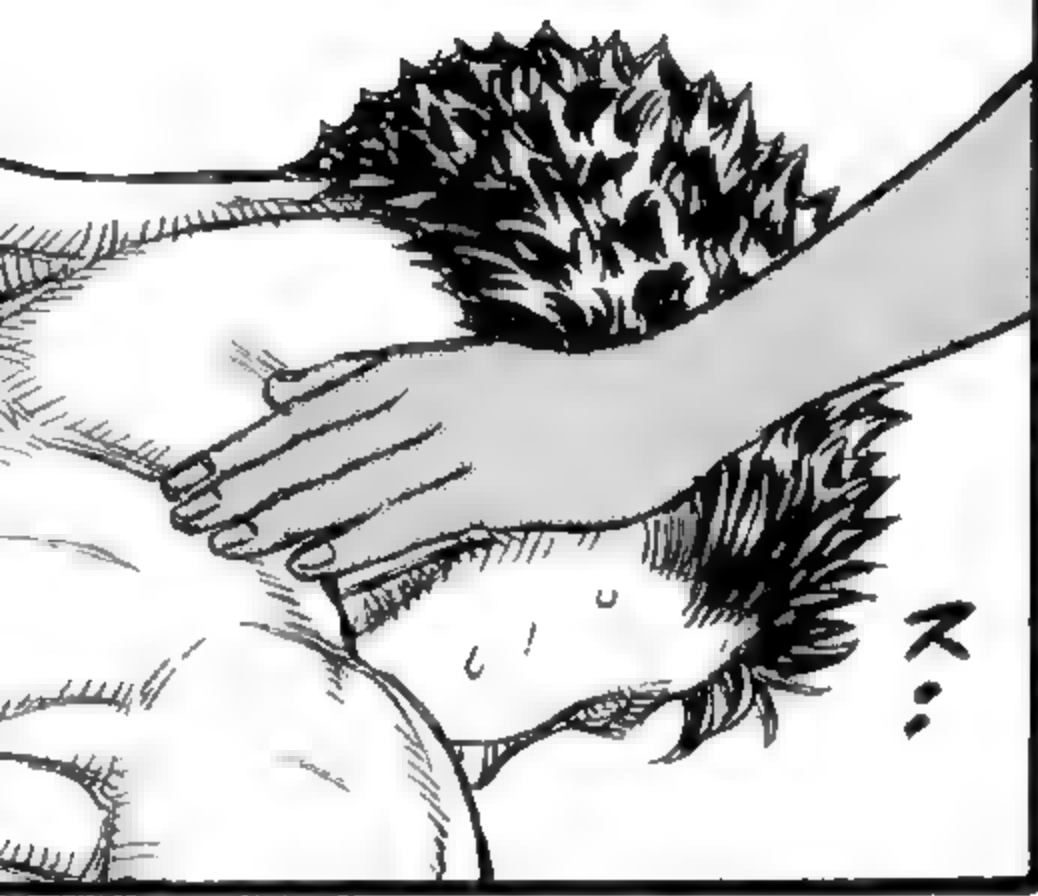
...

...
GAMBINO.



HE
TOLD
ME I
SHOULD
HAVE
DIED.

HE SAID
I SHOULD
HAVE DIED
ELEVEN YEARS
BEFORE,
BENEATH
MY MOTHER'S
CORPSE...





I DID SOMETHIN' HORRIBLE.

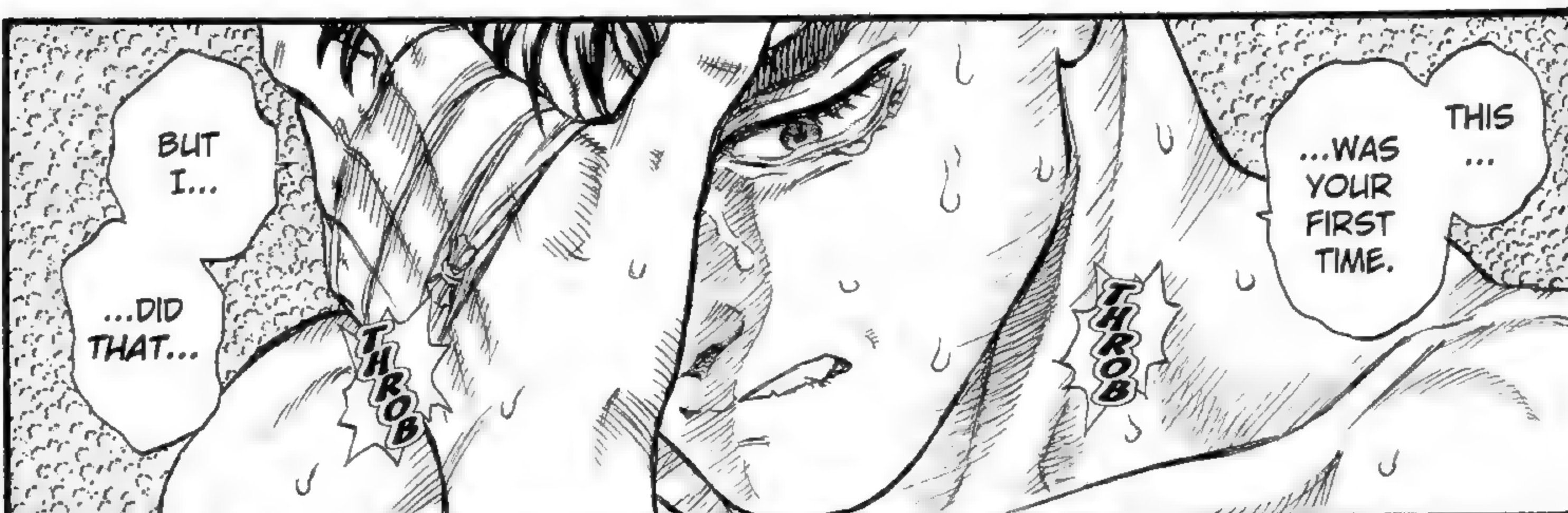
I...

SORRY...

S...

SORRY
.....

...



BUT I...

...DID THAT...

...WAS YOUR FIRST TIME.

THIS ...

THROB

THROB



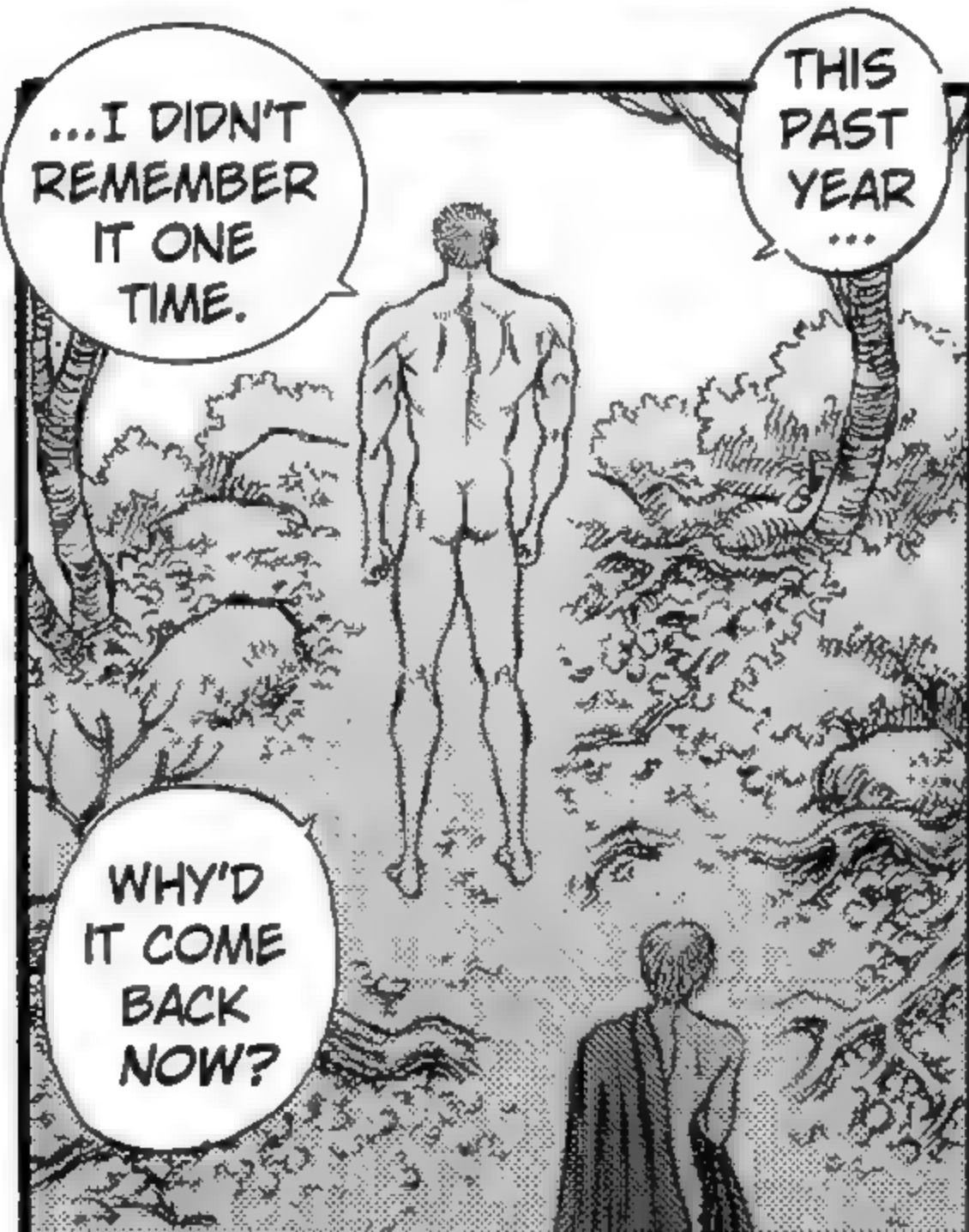
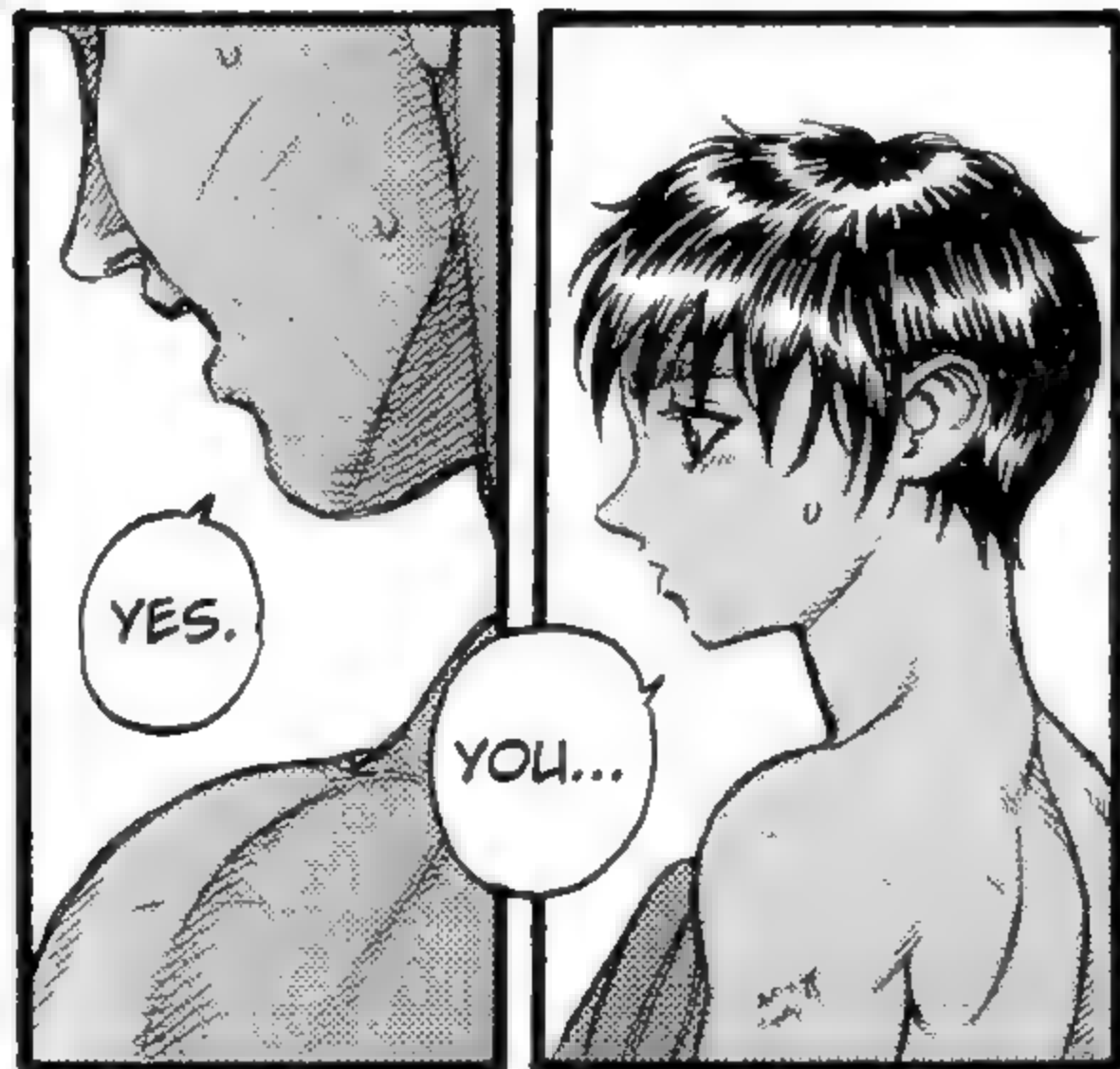
I'LL GO NOW IF YOU TELL ME TO GET LOST.

I CAN'T JUST SAY "FORGET IT"...

...NOW THAT THIS HAS HAPPENED.

GU--

OTHERWISE, I SWEAR I'LL MAKE IT UP IN BATTLE...







FINE.

EVEN IF
THAT'S
ALL IT
IS...



.....



FINE.

FORGET
ABOUT IT...
IT'D JUST BE
US LICKING
EACH OTHERS'
WOUNDS.



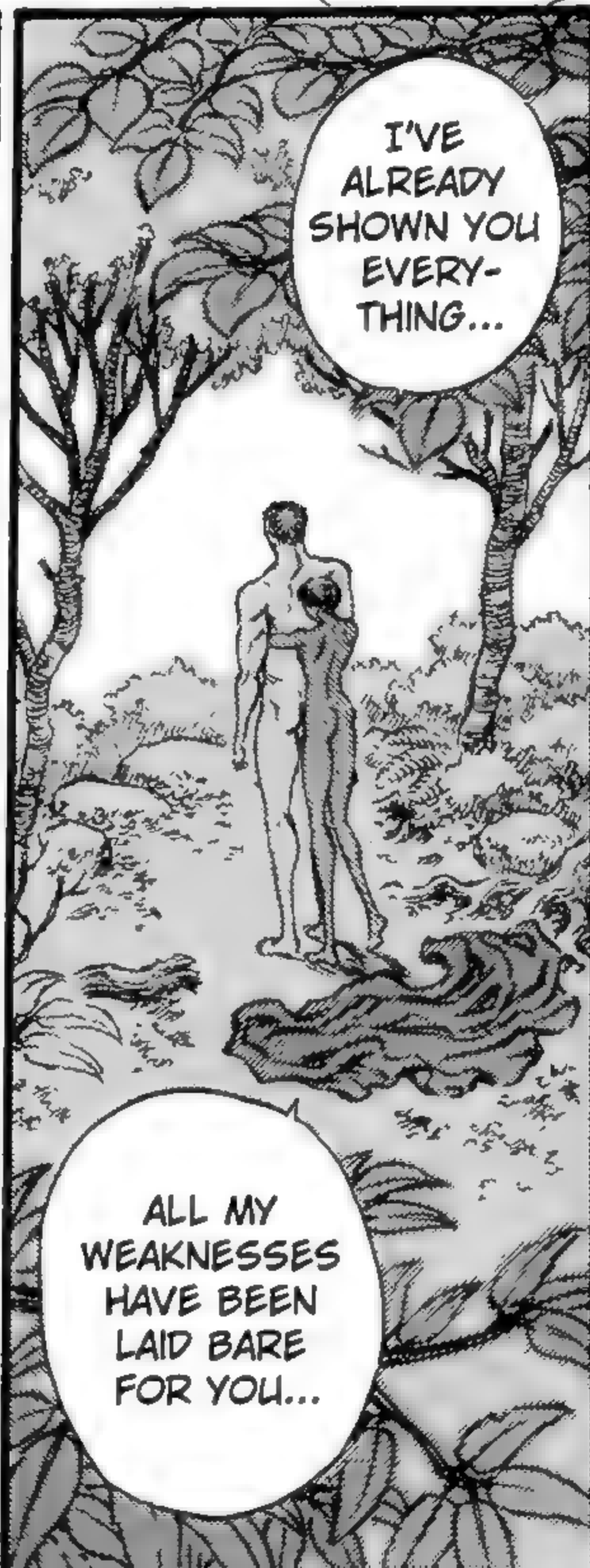
.....

THESE
ARE
WOUNDS
FROM THE
HUNDRED-
MAN
BATTLE,
RIGHT
...?

YOU BLED
SO MUCH
FOR ME.



SOME-
HOW
I FEEL
LIKE
WE'RE
FINALLY
EVEN.



I'VE
ALREADY
SHOWN YOU
EVERY-
THING...

ALL MY
WEAKNESSES
HAVE BEEN
LAID BARE
FOR YOU...



!!
!!
!!



LICKING
WOUNDS
IS GOOD
ENOUGH.



RO.



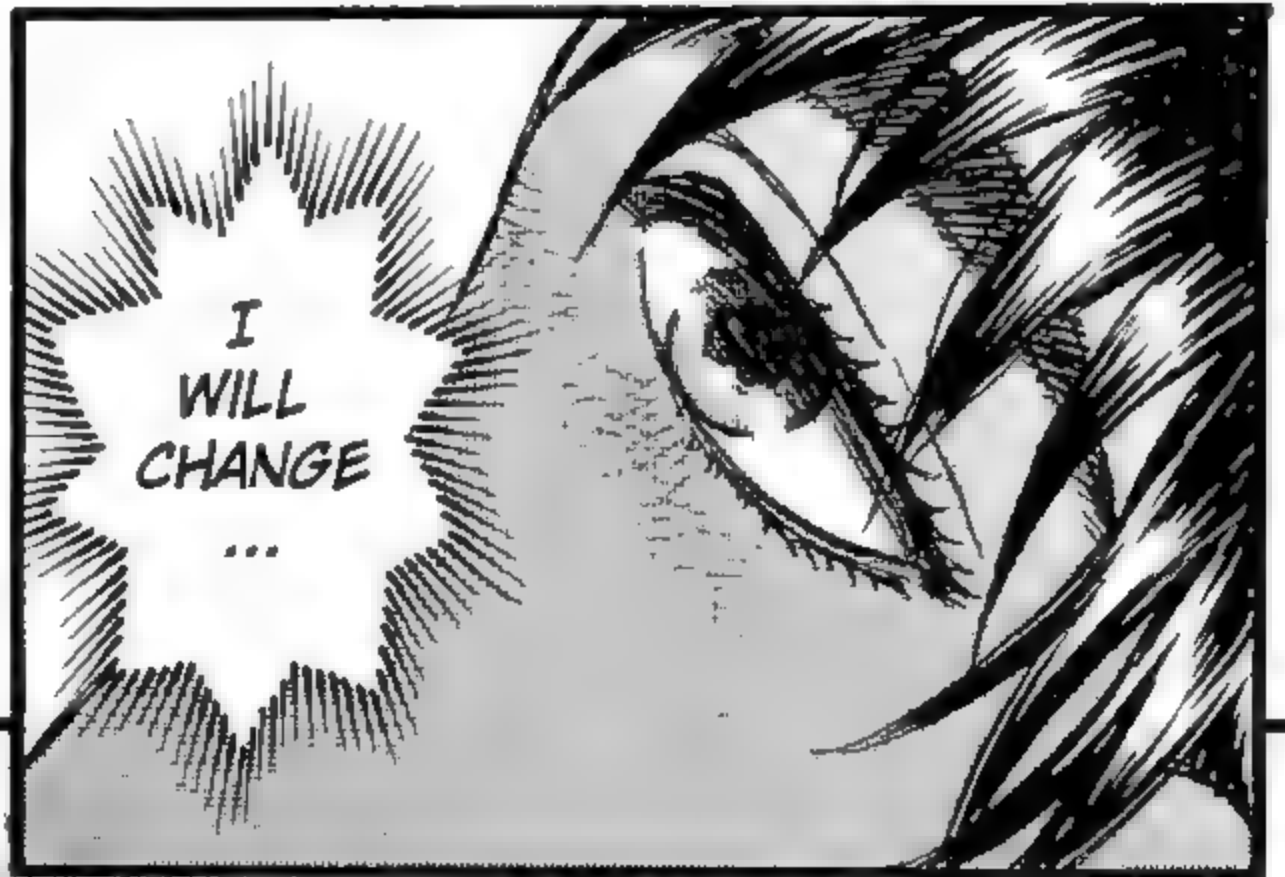
EVEN THE
WOUND
I GAVE
YOU...

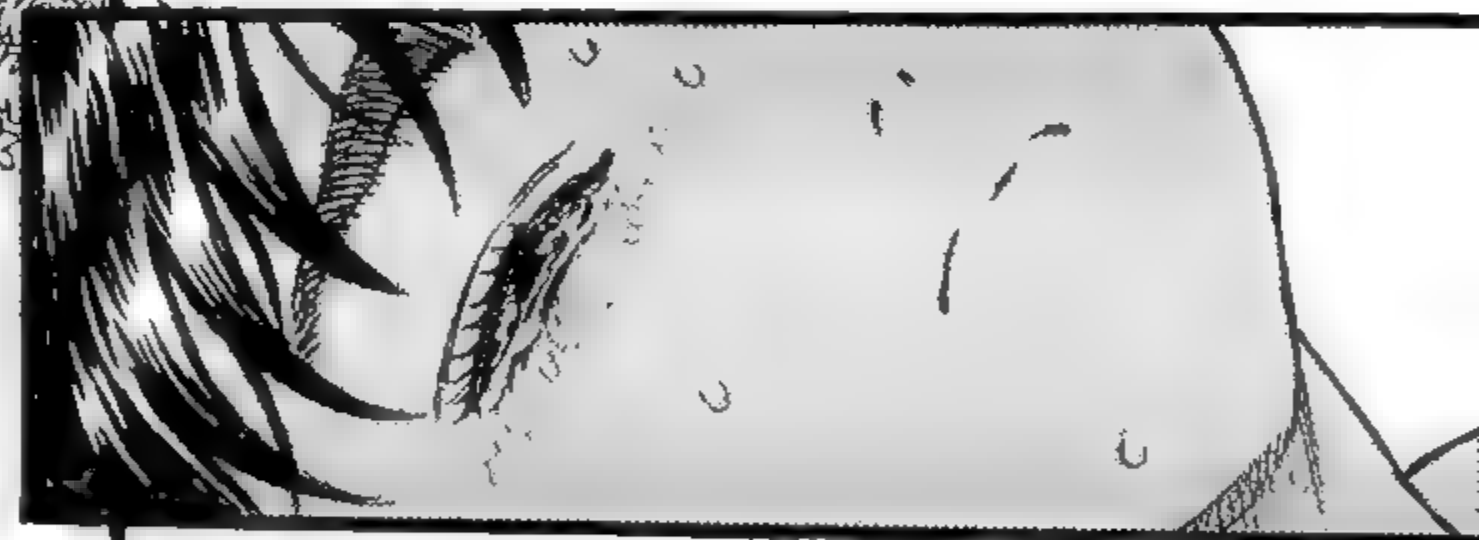
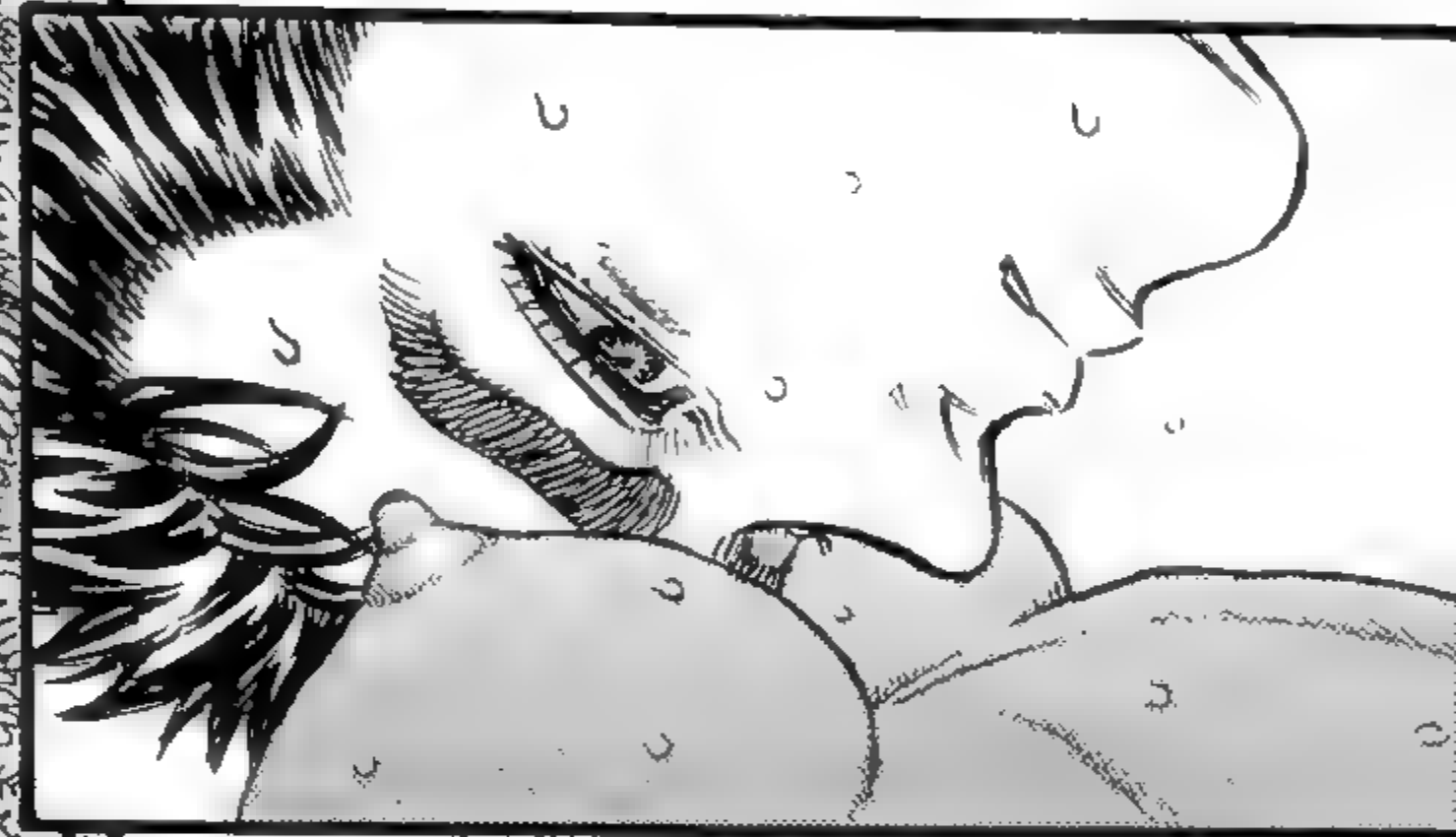
DEADLY

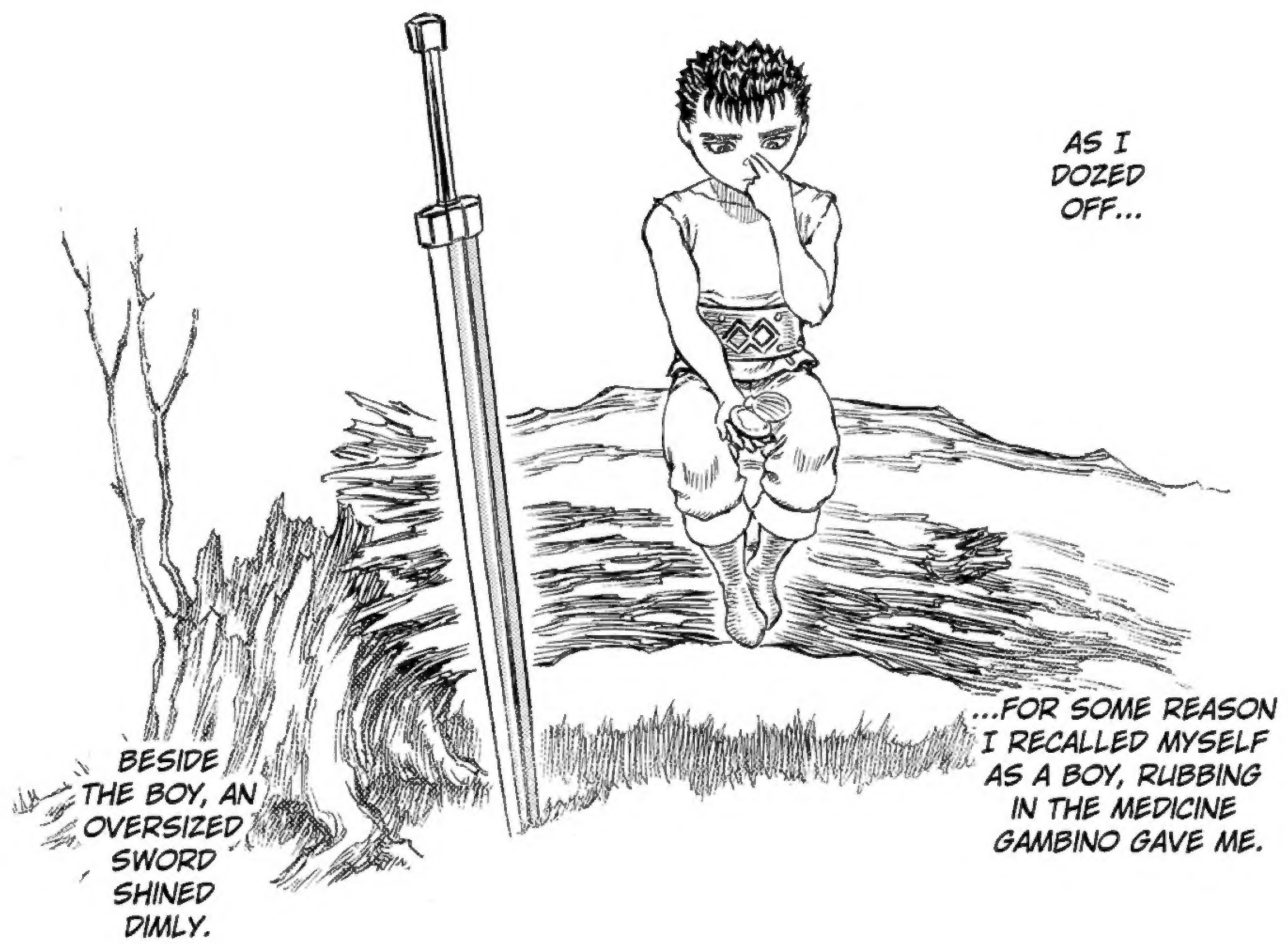


I
TOO
WANT A
WOUND...

...THAT
I CAN
SAY YOU
GAVE
ME.







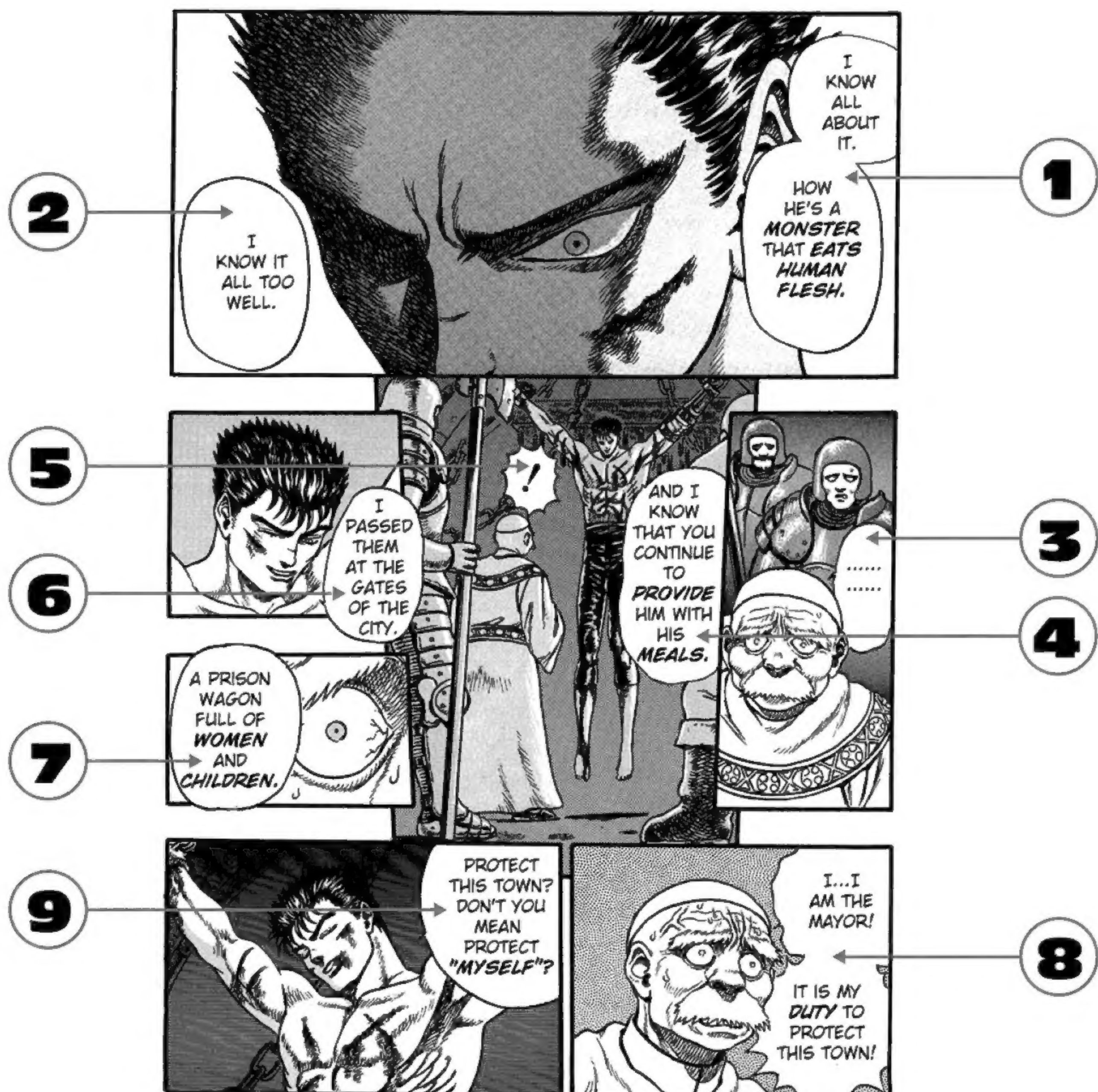
WOUNDS (2): END



! STOP

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BERSERK

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Griffith, charismatic leader of the elite mercenary Band of the Hawk, has seen better days. His fearless champion, Guts, has left the Band, defeating Griffith in personal combat as his ticket out. With his judgment clouded by this unthinkable humiliation, Griffith eases his pain in the arms of the daughter of Midland's king. But the King doesn't take kindly to an employee picking the royal flowers, and the next stop for Griffith is the dungeon and the torture rack! Without Griffith and Guts, the Hawks become easy prey for Midland's army, and the AWOL Guts may be the only answer to the Hawks'—and Griffith's—lethal problems.

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